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ing large Quantities of GOLD and
SILVER.

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wherein he encompassed the whole
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FRANCIS KNOLLS and others, with
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SIR *Francis Drake* was Born near *South Seve-*
stock in *Devonshire*, and brought up in *Kent*,
his Father, being a Minister, and embrac-
ing the Protestant Doctrine) was call'd in
Question by the Law of the Six Articles, and
thereupon forc'd to fly into *Kent* for shelter,
Where he bound his Son *Francis* Apprentice to
the Master of a Vessel, which traded into *France*
and *Zealand*: He underwent an hard Service and
employed his Pains with Patience; for which his
Master dying unmarried, in Reward of his In-
dustry, bequeathed him his Vessel for a Legacy.

For some time he Continued in his Mas-
ter's Profession; but soon grew weary of
that Employment, and so sold his small Vessel

to great Advantage; But at the last he unfortunately ventured most of his Estate with Captain *John Hawkins*, into the *West-Indies*; Whose Goods were all taken by the Spaniards at *St. John de Ullua*, by the Treachery of *Don Martin Henriquez*, then Vice-Roy of *Mexico*.

He afterwards made two Voyages to the *West-Indies*, to get Intelligence, and to gain some amends for his Loss, and having gotten certain Notice of the Persons and Places, he resolved on a third Voyage:

So on *May 24th. 1572.* Captain *Drake*, in the *Pascha* of *Plymouth*, of Seventy Tuns, his Admiral with the *Swan* of the said Port, of Twenty-Five Tons, his Vice-Admiral in which his Brother *John Drake* was Captain, set Sail, having in both of them Men and Boys Seventy-three, sufficiently provided with Necessaries for such a Voyage: The Wind continued at N.E. gave us very good Passage, so that in Five Weeks after, we had sight of the Island of *Guadalupe*, one of the *West-India* Islands; the next Morning *June 29th.* entering between *Dominica* and *Guadalupe*, we descried two Canoes coming from a Rocky Island three Leagues off *Dominica*; Landing on the South side of it, we remained three Days there to refresh our Men, and to water our Ships; There we saw some poor Cottages built with *Palmito* Boughs and Branches, but no Inhabitants; the Cottages (probably) serving only for the use of those that came thither at certain times to Fish. *July 1st.* being the Third day after, about three
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in the Afternoon we sailed thence for the Continent of *Terra Firma*, and the Fifth day we saw the Highland of *Sancta Martha*; but we directed our Course for a place call'd by our Captain in his former Voyage, *Port Pleasant*, by reason of the great store of those Fowls, he and his Company had there; where we arrived in Six Days. It is a round Bay and safe Harbour, not past half a Cables length over at the Mouth, but within Eight or Ten every way, of Ten or Twelve Fathom Water, full of good Fish, and of a fruitfull Soil. At our entrance here, our Captain having left his Brother to attend the Ships, with some few of his Company, went to Land. But as we were rowing ashore we saw a smoke in the Woods near the place our Captain frequented.: Therefore our Captain thought fit to take more Strength with us, suspecting some Enemy there. But this smoke was occasioned by a Fire, which one Mr. Garret of *Plymouth* and his Company had made, and had continued at least Five Days before our Arrival. This *John Garret* left a Plate of Lead nail'd to a huge Tree, of near five Fathom about, in which were Engraven these Words: Captain Drake, if your fortune is to come to this Port, make hast away; for the *Spaniards* which you had with you here the last Year, have bewrayed this place, and taken away all that you left here. I departed from hence this present Instant *July 7th. 1572.*

Your very loving Friend

John Garret.

Yet our Captain resolved to tarry here till he built his Pinnaces! and therefore caused the Pinnaces to be brought on Shore for the Carpenters to set up, employing the rest of his Company in Fortifying a place he had chosen out to Work in, being Three Rudes, which he did with Trees, Thirty Foot in height, round, leaving only one Gate to issue at, near the Water-side, which was every Night shut up with a Tree drawn cross it. The Plat was of a Pentagonal form; two Angles were towards the Sea, and that side between them left open for launching our Pinnaces; the other Four sides were firmly clos'd up; Without, the Ground was rid Fifty Foot round. The rest was very thick with Trees, of which were of those kinds, that are never without green Leaves till they are dead at the Root, (but there is one kind among them like our Ash, which when the Sun is Vertical to them, and causeth great Rains casts all its Leaves in Three Days, and in Six Days again becomes all green) of a prodigious height supported with Six Buttresses growing out of their Body, in each of which Three Men may be so hid, that they who stand in the next Buttress shall not see them. The Wood of those Trees is as heavy as Brasil or *Lignum Vitæ*, and is of a white Colour.

The Day after our Arrival, there came an English Bark of the Isle of Wight, *James Rawse* Captain, and *Jahn Overy* Master, with Thirty Men. They brought in with them a Spanish Caravel of *Sevil* (taken the Day before) and a Shallop taken at *Cape Blanch*. This Captain was desirous

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rous to joyn with ours, and was received accordingly.

July 20th. Seven Days after his coming, having dispatched our Business, we departed from that Harbour. towards *Nombres de Dios*; within Three Days we Arrived at the Isles of *Pinos*, and found two Frigates of *Nombre de Dios* lading Timber thence.

By the *Negros* in these Frigats we were informed of the state of the Town, and of a Report, that certain *Soldiers* were daily expected from the Governour of *Panama* for the Defence of the Town against the *Cimerons* (a black People, who fled from the *Spaniards* their Masters, by reason of their Cruelty, and since grown into two Kingdoms, the one to the East, the other to the West of the way from *Nombre de Dios* to *Panama*.)

Our Captain set those *Negroes* a Shore, that they might joyn themselves to their Countrymen. the *Cimerons*, or at least that he might prevent their going to Alarm the Town with News of his Arrival, *Nombre de Dios* being far Distant from that place by Land; and himself resolved to go thither with all Speed and Secrecy.

And so disposing of his Companies, according as they inclined, he left the three Ships and Carvel with Captain *Rawse*, and chose into his Pinnaces, fifty three of our Men, and twenty of Captain *Rawse's* well Armed.

July 28th. Thus parted from our Company, we arrived at the Island *Catimas*, being twenty five Leagues distant, August 2d. where our Cap-

tain trained his Men, and deliver'd to each their several Arms, encouraging them with certain hopes of success.

The same Day we sailed for *Nombre de Dios*; before Sun-set we reached *Rio Francisco*: Thence he led us hard a board the Shore (that we might not be discover'd) till we came within Two Leagues of the Point of the Bay, where we rode till it was dark.

When our Captain finding those of our Company proposing difficulties, resolved to take the opportunity that Night; and so we arrived there at Three of the Clock after Midnight. About the same Time a Ship of *Spain* had arrived there, who suspecting us, sent her *Gondala* to alarm the Town, which our Captain perceiving prevented, so that we landed without any difficulty, and seized upon Six pieces of Ordnance, the Gunner having fled, whereby the Town was alarm'd.

Our Captain left Twelve Men to keep the Pinnaces, that we might safely retreat in case of Danger, and securing the Platform, he thought it best to view the *Mount* on East side of the Town fearing lest there might be Ordnance planted there, whence we might be annoyed; but seeing no fear of Danger thence we returned to the City, where we parted; *John Oxenham* and Sixteen of his Men going about behind the Kings Treasure-House, entred the East end of the Market, and our Captain by the broad Street passed by the Market place, with sound of Drum and Trumpet, the Four pikes were equally divided betwixt them, and proved no less advantageous to our Men then dangerous to the Enemy. Yet

Yet the Inhabitants had put themselves in Arms; and drew up their Companies in some order at the *South-East* End of the Market place, and to make a show of far greater numbers of Shot, they had hung Lines with Matches lighted athwart the *West* End of the Market place, between the Church and the Cross; but perceiving their Stratagem was by us discovered, they Fled.

But the Soldiers presented us with a Volley of Shot, levell'd so low, that their Bullets oft times grazed the Sands: And we having once Fired them, and Feathered them with our Arrows (made on purpose) came to push of Pike, when our fire-Pikes did us great service; where our Men, some with their Pikes, and some with the butt end of their Muskets, so annoyed the Enemy, that they threw down their Arms to provide for their safety by Flight.

In the Chase several of our men were hurt with the Arms which the Enemies had let fall as they fled, which caused us to desist the pursuit; so we returned to the midst of the Market place.

Our Captain having taken Two or Three Spaniards, commanded them to shew the Governor's House where the Treasure was kept. At our coming thither, the great Door where the Moys usually unlade) was open, a Candle lighted on the top of the Stairs, and a Gonnnet ready saddled: By means of this light we saw a huge heap of Silver, being a pile of Bars about Seventy Foot in length, Ten in breadth, and Twelve in height; but our Captain forbid any to touch it; but to stand upon our Guard.

There was in the King's Treasure near the Water side, more Gold and Jewels then all our four Pinnaces could carry.

When we were returned to our Strength, we were alarm'd with news, that our Pinnaces were in danger to be taken, and that if we got not quickly aboard we should be over powered, with Multitudes of Soldiers and Towns People. Our Captain sent his Brother & John Oxenham, to search out the Truth of it, who found Men in the Pinnaces much frightened, by reason of great Companies they saw running up and down, some with Matches lighted, some with other Weapons from the out-parts of the Town; who came often near us, and, firing, retreated.

Presently after there fell a mighty shower of Rain with Thunder and Lightning, so that before we could recover shelter, some of our Bow-strings were wet, and some of our Match and Powder Damaged; which while we were refurnishing, several of our men were muttering on the foresaid Reports of the strength of the Town? whereupon our Captain told them, he had brought them to the Mouth of the Treasure of the World, if they would want it, blame themselves only; and therefore when the storm was over, unwilling to give his Men longer leisure to demur, or the Enemy further respite, he stept forward, commanding his Brother with John Oxenham, and their Company to break the Kings Treasure house, the rest to follow himself to keep the strength of the Market place, till they had dispatch'd their Business.

But as he stept forward, he began to faint through

though much effusion of Blood out of a wound in his Leg he received in the first Encounter, which though it smarted he concealed till his fainting discovered it; the Blood having filled the Prints our footsteps made, to the great dismay of all our Company, thinking it incredible that one Man should lose so much Blood and live,

And therefore tho' they would have hazarded much for such a Booty, yet would they not endanger their Captains Life; but having giving him some Cordial, and tied up his Leg, they entreated him to go aboard, that his Wound might be drest, and then return ashore if he thought fit.

This, when they could not perswade him to (as knowing that if they went aboard, they could never recover that state again, in which they now were, and thinking it more Honourable to jeopard his Life for so great a Prize unaccomplished) they with force and entreaty carryed him aboard their Pinnace; abandoning a Rich Spoil to preserve their Captains Life,

Thus we embarked, July 29th, by break of Day, many of our Men besides our Captain were wounded, only a Trumpeter slain; whereupon our Chirurgeons were busie in dressing their Wounds, but especially our Captains. And before we departed the Harbour, we took the aforesaid Ship of Wines belonging to the Spaniards. But before we had her free of the Haven, they of the Town shot at us, but notwithstanding we carried our Prize to the Isle *Bastimienses*, or the Isle of *Victuals*, where we staid Two days to cure

our wounded Men, and reſtrain our ſelves.

At our arrival here, the Governour ſent our Captain a Principal Soldier of the late ſent Garriſon, to view us, who at his coming proteſted that he came of meer good Will, for that we had undertaken ſo great an attempt with ſo few Men; and that at firſt they feared we had been *French*, of whom they expected no mercy, but perceiving us to be *Engliſh* their Fears were the leſs; knowing, that tho' we took the Treafure, yet we would uſe no Cruelty towards their Perſons.

But notwithstanding this fair pretence, the Governour had ſent him aboard, by reaſon divers of the Town had affirmed they knew our Captain, who had been often on their Coaſt laſt Two Years; he deſired to know, Firſt, Whether our Captain was the ſame Captain *Drake* or no? Second, Whether our Arrows, which many of their Men were wounded with Poiſoned? And Thirdly, How they might be cured? Laſtly what Victuals or Neceſſaries we wanted, promiſing to ſupply us. Our Captain thought ſuſpecting him a Spy, yet answered his demands; that he was the ſame Captain *Drake*; that it was not his manner to poiſon Arrows, and that the Wounds might be cured by ordinary Chirurgery; as for wants he told him, He wanted nothing, but ſome of that ſpecial Commodity that Country yielded, and that before he departed he meant to reap ſome of their Harveſt they got out of the Earth.

To this the Gentleman replied, what then was the Reaſon we departed the Town, at this time; where there is above Three Hundred and Sixty

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Tun of Silver ready for the *Fleet*, and a greater value of Gold; but when our Captain had declared the cause, he acknowledged our wisdom in departing, was no less then our courage in attempting. Thus with courteous entertainment, after Dinner, he was dismissed in such sort, that he protested he was never so much honoured in his Life,

After his departure, the *Negroe* aforementioned, confirmed his Report of Gold and Silver, and told us how we might acquire store of it by means of the *Cimerons*, whom though he had very much incensed, yet durst hazard his Life, as knowing our Captain's Name was most precious among them.

Whereupon we further consulted, and because this Place seemed not safe, next Day we sailed for *Port Plenty*, where we had left our Ships and re. covered it next Night.

At our return to our Ships, Captain *Rawse* doubting of our safe continuance upon that Coast, departed; our Captain, in the mean time, having put all Things in readines, resolved with his two Ships and three Pinnaces to go to *Carthagena*.

August, 13 We came to an Anchor in three Fathom Water, between the Islands of *Chanesha* and *St. Barnards*. Our Captain let the Pinnaces about the Island into the Harbour of *Carthagena*, where he found a Frigate at Anchor, and one Man only aboard, who being askt for the rest of his Company, told, they were gone Ashore that Evening; that two hours before Night there pass by a Pinnace making all speed they could, and askt

askt him if any *English* or *French* had been there lately; and upon Answer, that none had been, they bid them look to themselves: that after this Pinnacle was come to the our parts of *Carthage* many great Pieces were shot off, whereupon one going to the Topmast, espied over the Land diverse Frigats bringing themselves within the Castle.

This Report our Captain credited; and having further examined this old Mariner, he understood that there was within the next Point a great Ship of *Sevil* ready to sail next morning for *Domingo*, and taking this old Man into the Pinnacle, he rowed towards his Ship, which we boarded: As soon as we were on the Decks, we threw down the Gates and Spare-decks to prevent the danger of close Fight; and then we cut her Cables, and towed her with our three Pinnaces without the Island, without danger of their great Shot, Which when the Town heard of, they put themselves into readiness, and came down to the very point of the Wood, against us.

The next Morning we took two Frigates, in which were two of the Kings Scrivanos, with seven Mariners; and two *Negroes*, come from *Nombre de Dios*: Yet our Captain, at the Scrivano's entreaties, set all the Company ashore, and then bare up to the Island of *St. Bernards*, three Leagues off the Town.

Our Captain now considering, that he was discovered, found that he must wait some time before he could accomplish his Design, and likewise, that his Pinnaces must be well mann'd; in order to which he had a design to burn one of the Ships,
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and make the other a Store house; but finding that his Company would be loth to agree to that, he thought of another expedient; and therefore sent for *Thomas Moon*, (Carpenter in the *Swan*) and desir'd him to bore several holes in the Well of that Ship, as near the Keel as he could, and that with all Secrefie: He was very averse to doing it, but having heard our Captain's Reasons he was at last perswaded, and did it accordingly.

The next Morning our Captain designed to go a Fishing and going aboard the *Swan* he desired his Brother to go with him, who desired him to stay a little and he would immediately attend him. Our Captain perceiving the Carpenter had fulfilled his desire, demanded of them, why their *Bark* was so deep? Whereupon, his Brother sent one down to the Steward to know what was the matter; who going down immediately alarm'd them with News that the Ship was full of Water: Whereupon all Hands were set to Work, but all in Vain; Our Captain consulting with them about it, found, that despairing of saving her, they referred to him what should be done: And therefore he proposed to them that he would go into the Pinnace-till such time as a Frigate were provided, and that his Brother should be Captain in the *Admiral*, and the Master shou'd be also there with him, instead of this, which seeing she could not be saved, he would have fired, that the Enemy might not have her; but first, that everyone should take out of her what they lack'd or lik'd. This was put in Execution that Night, and so our
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Captain had his Desire, having now Men enough for his Pinnaces.

The next day we resolved to seek out a fit place in the Sound of *Dorriene* where we might leave our Ship at Anchor, undiscovered by the Enemy: That so the Enemy imagining us departed we might better follow our purposes with our Pinnaces.

And accordingly we departed for the said Sound, and in Five Days reached it, where we stayed Fifteen Days, keeping very close, that our Enemies might think we were departed.

Here we were not Idle, but besides our trimming and fitting our Pinnace, he caused us to rid a Plat of Ground to build us Houses for our Lodging wherein the *Negroes* was serviceable to us. As also at spare times we had several sorts of Recreations as every Man Fancied. After the fifteen days expired, our Captain leaving the Ship with his Brother, took two Pinnaces for *Rio Grand*, and passing by *Carthagena*, when we were within two Leagues of the River, we landed to the Westwards on the Main. Where seeing some *Indians*, they asked us what we would have? and knowing we desired fresh Victuals, they brought us some, for which courtesie our Captain sufficiently rewarded them.

Thence we departed to *Rio Grand*, where we entred at three in the Afternoon. From thence till night we rowed up the stream, making but small Progress, We moor'd our Pinnaces to a Tree that Night, by reason a huge shower of Rain with terrible claps of Thunder, (which is usual there

there and continued about three quarters of an Hour) after which it was very Calm, and then we were infested with Flies called *Muskatoes*, (like our *Gnats*) which bite spitefully our best remedy against them was juice of Lemons.

At break of Day we departed up to the River, where we espied a Canoe with two *Indians* fishing in the River, but we spoke not to them for being descried; nor they to us, thinking us *Spaniards*. Afterwards we espied certain Houses on the other side the River, and a *Spaniard* which kept those Houses thinking us his Countrymen, made a smoke for a Sign to us to turn that way but when we drew near him, he saw his mistake, so fled from his Houses, which were five in Number, full of white Rusk, Bacon, with several other Provisions, to serve the River, returning to *Spain*, with store of this we loaded our Pinnaces, and hastned our departure, by reason of the Intelligence we had of certain *Indians*, that the Frigats were thirty in Number, which usually transported Merchandise out of *Spain* to *Cartagena*, thence to these Houses, and so in Canoes, up to *Nueva Reyno*, and return in Exchange, Gold Treasure Commodities of that Kingdom, were not returned from *Cartagena* since the first report of our being there.

Sept. 10. As we returned to our Pinnaces, the *Spaniards* sent down the *Indians* of *Villa del Rey*, with Bows and Arrows against us, but we rowed down the stream one League, and Anchored till the Morning, then we got the Mouth of the River, where we unladed our Provisions, cleansed our Pinnaces, and took it in again, and then wen Westward.

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Sept 11 Between *Carthagena* and *Tolou*, we took five or six Frigats laden with V^{ic}tuals; we set the Men at Liberty, having heard all we could of 'em, keeping only two of the Frigats well stored with V^{ic}tuals.

Three Days after we arrived at *Port Plenty*, where we built four store-houses, to keep our Provisions in, several leagues asunder, that if the Enemy should surprize any one, we might be furnished by another, our Negroes being very useful to us in this Work.

At this time Captain *JOHN DRAKE*, fortunately found out the *Cimerons*, as he rowed aloof the shore, by the direction of our aforesaid Negro, *Diego*, who called to the *Cimerons*, dealt so effectually with them that he gave and received two Men as pledges of Fidelity appointing a meeting next Day at River *Medway*, between the *Cabezas*, and our Ships called *Rio Diego*.

These two being well qualified Men, did, with all reverence, declare to our Captain their great joy conceived by his arrival, as knowing him to be an Enemy to the *Spaniards*, and therefore were ready to assist him against their Enemies to the utmost; and that their Captain did then stay at the Mouth of *Rio Diego*, to attend his pleasure; and that they would have come by Land to this Place, but that the way is very troublesome, by reason of steep Mountains, deep Rivers and thick Brakes, desiring therefore our Captain would take order about it. Our Captain weighing their Speech, with former Intelligence, and comparing it with their great kindness towards his Brother, resolved

ved with his Brother, and two *Cimerons*, in his two Pinnaces, to go towards the River, which he did that night; or desiring the rest of their Company to follow them next Morning, because there was a place of great safety. The safety of it consisted not only in that it was a fruitful Country, and that no Spaniards were there, but especially that it lyeth among a great many goodly Islands full of Trees where, though there be Channels, yet there are such Rocks and Shoals that no man can enter by night, nor by day with out Discovery: Whereas our Ship might lye hidden within the Trees.

September, 14th. The next day we met with them at the aforesaid place, the rest being at a miles distance. After we had entertained them, and received testimonies of their good will, we took Two more of them into our Pinnances, leaving our Two Men with them, appointing a meeting with them, and some more at the River *Guane*. So we departed towards our Ship. September, 16th. Two Days after we found her, being much damaged by tempest, and having repaired her. September, 18th. Our Captain sent a Pinnance towards the bottom of the Bay, to sound out the Channel, for the bringing her in, and the next Day got her safe into the best Channel; it was Five Miles distant from the *Cativedas* betwix the Island and the Main, being very narrow, and full of Bushes. We had scarce settled there, when our Two Men with the Troup of *Cimerons*, came in sight of our Ship, whom we brought aboard.

Our Captain desired they would put him in a way to procure Gold, they told him if they had known

known of it before, they could have given him store of it (as having taken a great quantity from the *Spaniards* which they sunk into the River) which now they could not do, because the Rivers in which it was thrown were very high, and that the *Spaniards* in the rainy Months use not to carry their Treasure by Land. This answer satisfied us of their honest meaning towards us, Therefore our Captain resolved for these Five Months to stay a Shore, and so September, 24th. we built Houses for our abode that time, and a Fort Triangle wise Thirteen Foot high. But after Fourteen Days repose here, our Captain purposing to go to *Carthegena* with Three Pinnances, left his Brother to govern those left behind, with the *Smycerons* to finish the Fort begun.

October, 7th. Thus we set Sail and came that night to an Island (which he called *Ciurkire*, from great store of Birds in that Shape.) The next Day we were clear of these Islands, and about four Days after, near the Island of *St. Barnards*, we chased Two Frigates ashore, and recovering one of the Islands we stayed these Two Days to wash our Pinnances, and catch Fish.

October, 16th. Thence we went towards *Tolou*, and landed in a Garden, where certain *Indians* delivered us their Bows and Arrows, and gave us such fruit, as the place yielded, for which we requited them, Our Captain's design in taking those places was to learn the true state of the Country and the Fleets.

Thence we went towards *Charesba* the Island of *Carthegena* where we let fall our Grapples betwix

twixt the *Island* and the Main, over against the goodly *Garden Island*. Our Captain would not suffer us to land there, knowing it would have proved dangerous; and within Three Hours after passing by the Point of the *Island*, we had a Volly of a Hundred shot from them, and yet but one of our Men was hurt.

October, 17th. This evening we departed to Sea, and the next Morning we took a bark, which we easily boarded, for that the Captain with most of the Passengers had gone ashore. She had in her great store of Sope and Sweet-Meats bound from *St. Domingo* to *Cartagena*.

October 18th. The next Day we set all the Men on shore (save a young *Negro* we kept) but kept the Bark, and in her bore to the Mouth of *Cartagena* Harbour, and anchored that Afternoon. Some Horsemen came down with the *Scriveno* aforementioned to the Point, and held up a *Truce Flag*, desiring safe conduct to our Ship; which granted, the *Scriveno* came aboard, and thanking our Captain for former courtesies, he promised that Night to procure us store of Victuals, whatever displeasure he might incur thereby. But we found this only advice of the Governor's to be to time till they had sufficient strength to entrap delay us, and therefore we put to Sea.

October 20th. The next day in the Afternoon we took Two Frigates come from *Cartagena*, the one of Fifty, the other of Twelve Tuns, having only Ballast in them; we kept the Frigates, but set the Men ashore in the great Frigate *Gondeloa*. The next Morning they came down to the Western

ern Point with a *Truce Flag*, and our Captain manned the Shore the *Spaniards* fled into the Woods as afraid of us, but indeed 'twas only to draw us on; as we reached the Land our Captain leaped ashore in their sight, but made no stay, when he was come aboard again, we haled off and rode a while; they came forth again, and sent a youth to demand what was our Intent to stay thus upon the Coast? Our Captain answered for *Traffick*; he sent him again to shew that 'twas prohibite to *Traffick* with *Foreign People* for any thing except *Powder*. He answered he was come to exchange his *Commodities* for Gold and Silver, and was purposed to effect it. However he gave this Messenger a Shirt for his reward.

We heard no Answer all that Day but kept in our Frigates, keeping good watch all Night. The next Morning the Wind turned Easterly, and we saw Two Sails (which were sent from *Carthagena* to Fight us coming to us; whereupon our Captain went to Encounter them, and as we approached them we saw many Men aboard of them. The *Spaniards* on the Shore thought to recover their Frigats being left unmanned) while we were buſied with the other. But our Captain prevented it, for leaving *John Oxenham* to treat those Two Ships, He made speed to his Frigats, and caused the *Spaniards* to save their Lives by Flight, leaving several of their Weapons behind them: And seeing he could not man them, he burnt the one, and sunk the other. This done he returned to *John Oxenham* who all this while lay silent by the Men of War, and the Wind blowed from Sea, we went

were forced to bear into the Harbour before them they supposing we fled; but as soon as we felt smooth Water, getting the Wind, we fought them at Advantage, so that they were willing to press higher: And as they let fall their Anchors, we dropped ours in the Wind of them. They seeing no gain to be had of us retired to the Town; but we, by reason of bad Weather rode there Four Days.

October 27th. A Frigate came from Sea, and seeing us, ran her self ashore, unhooking her Rudder, and throwing away her Sails; when we were come up to her, a party came down to the Point of the Main, whom we by our Shot caused quickly to retire into the Woods. Whereupon we went to Sea, with intent to ride at the Rock called *Las Serenas*, Two Leagues off, but through bad Weather were forced to return into the Harbour. But the Spaniards had a new device, for they sent forth a Party against us, who at our Encountering them fled, with intent to draw us after them, having an ambush set for us; besides Two Pinnaces well manned came towards us and attacked us boldly; and seeing us bear from them, they concluded of Victory: But our Captain commanding his other Pinnace to be brought a head of him, and to let fall their Grapples each a head of the other, environed both the Pinnaces as for a close Fight. We as well as they spent Powder apace, but had but one of our Men Wounded, what they had we knew not, but their Pinnaces were shot through in divers places, and the Powder of one took Fire;

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whereupon we bote towards them, which they seeing betook themselves to their old Sanctuary.

November the 3d. Thus seeing little hopes of success in this Place; our Captain thought it best to Eastward towards *Rio Grand*; to furnish our selves with Victuals, being now scarce of them and Two Days after we came to the Villages of Store, where before we had furnished our selves sufficiently, but now found nothing, to our great Grief, the *Spaniards* having caused the People to fly the Mountains, and driven away their Cattle that we might not be relieved, afterwards we saw a Frigate at Sea, and made quickly towards her hoping to be relieved thence, but when we had boarded her we found she had neither Meat nor Money.

Thus we endured Scarcity for Seven or Eight Days, bearing room for *Santa Martha*, in hopes to find Shipping there, and finding none we Anchored under the western Point, which the *Spaniards* having notice of, conveyed Thrity or Forty Shots among the Cliffs, which so annoyed us that we were forced to be gone with all Speed: Then we entered into consultations what to do, the Company being for landing some where Eastward, to get Victual; but our Captain thought it better to bear towards *Rio de Haca*, or *Cariago*.

The Company of the other Pinance, answered that neither their Pinances could hold out, nor they themselves subsist with so slender Provision he answered they had more then he had, and therefore doubted not but they would trust Providence and so he hoisted his Fore Sail and set for *Coriza*

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which they perceiving followed him. As we had sailed Three Leagues we espied a Sail plying Westward, and so joyfully we bore towards her, she being a *Spanish* Ship above Ninety Tun shot her Ordinance at us, we durst not attempt boarding her, it being Stormy, but attended her, and two Hours after it being Calm, we boarded her, and furnished our selves sufficient with Provision.

All things set in order, and the wind arising, we plying off and on all night, when it was Day the Captain sent *Edward Hixom* to search out a good Harbour, who having found one returned, and we came in with our new Prize. Our Captain promising Liberty and all their Apparel to the *Spaniards* if they would procure us fresh Water and Victuals, which they did, and towards the Evening we came all aboard again, leaving our late Prisoners, the *Spaniards* ashore according to our Promise to their great joy, and so set Sail.

At this time a Sicknes raged among us and *Charles Club*, one of our Quarter-Masters died of it to our great Grief: We imputed it to Cold, Men had taken lying in the Pinnaces. But however it pleased GOD, that all the rest of our Company recovered.

November, the 15th Next Morning our Captain commanded the *Minion*, his lesser Pinnace, to hasten before him towards his Ships at *Fort Diego*, within the *Cabeza's*, to acquaint them of his Coming, and prepare all things for his Landed Journey, if so be they heard any thing from the *Cimerons*, of the Fleets, arrival.

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When we came to our Ship, we were surprized to our great Grief, with the news of the Death of *John Drake* our Captain's Brother, and one *Richard Allen*, both Slain in attempting to board a Frigate, The manner was thus. Having seen this Frigate at Sea, the Company were very Importunate with him to set upon her; he told them he wanted Weapons to assail with, and knew not how strong the Frigate might be. But this not satisfying, he told them that they should not through his Cowardice lose any Prize. Thereupon every Man shifted as he could, and emptied their Boats of the Planks (that were therein for carrying on their Fort,) they took such poor Arms as they had, and so made towards the Frigate, and boarded her. But they found her Armed round about, with a close fight of Hides, full of Pikes and Calivers which were discharged in their Faces; of which there were several Wounded, and *John Drake* and *Richard Allen* mortally; but notwithstanding they got free of the Frigate and recovered their Ship, where those Two Died.

Thus having Moor'd our Ship our Captain resolved to lie hid, expecting to hear of the *Spanish Fleet* and therefore supplied his Company with the *Cimerons* out of his aforesaid Magazine, besides Wild Beasts out of the Woods.

After a Months Sail, most of our Men fell sick of a *Calenture*, and several died, of whom *Joseph Drake*, another of our Captain's Brothers was one, whom; for the discovering of the Nature of that disease our Captain caused to be opened by the Surgeon, who found his Liver swollen, his Heart

as it were sodden, and his Guts all fair. Within Four Days the Surgeon that cut him up died also, by reason of an over strong Purgation he had taken.

The *Cimerons*, during our absence, ranged up and down the Country to learn what they could for us; now they bring us news that the Fleet was arrived at *Nombre de Dios*. Our Captain sent the Lyon to discry the Truth thereof; who espying a Frigate, boarded and took her, Laden with Maiz, Hens and Pompions from *Tolou*. The Men therein who assured us of their arrival, our Captain used very courteously, guarding them from the Cruelty of the *Cimerons*, who were thirsting after their Blood.

And when he prepared for his Journey to *Panama*, he gave *Ellis Hixon* charge of his Ship and Company, and especially of those *Spaniards*.

All things thus ordered, our Captain conferred with the *Cimerons* about Provision for this Journey; they told him that great store of Shoes were necessary by reason of the many Rivers with Stones and Gravel they were to pass. All things provided we took our Journey on Sarove Tuesday February 3d. By this time Twenty Eight of our Men had died, and a few healthy Men were left aboard with *Ellis*, who had strict charge not to trust any Messenger that should come in our Captain's Name without his Hand Writing.

We were in all Forty Eight, Eighteen *English*, and the rest *Cimerons*, who, besides their Arrows bore our Provision and Victuals, and because they could not carry enough, by the way they provided us store with their Arrows. They

They have each two sorts of Arrows the one to defend himself and offend the Enemy; the other to kill his Victual: Those for Fighting with are somewhat like the *Scottish* Arrows, only somewhat longer and headed with Iron, Wood, or Fish Bones. But the Arrows for Provision are of three sorts, the First serveth to kill any great Beast near Hand, and hath an Iron Head of a Pound and a half shaped like the Head of a Javelin, as sharp as a Knife: The Second for lesser Beasts, and hath a Head of three quarters of a Pound: The third for all manner of Birds, and hath a Head of an Ounce Weighr. These Heads, tho' of Iron, yet keep their Edge long, for these and such uses Iron is of more value here than Gold: And he that can temper it well is most esteemed.

Every Day we marched at Sun Rising, continuing till ten in the Forenoon, then resting near some River till past Twleve, we marched till Four a Clock at Night, when we reposed our selves in some convenient Place. When we came to the place she intended to lodge at, the *Cimerons* laid aside their Burthens, to cut down poles and *Palm* Boughs or *Plantain* Leaves, and with Speed set up Six Houses, First fastning Three or Four great Posts, with Forks deep into the Ground, upon them they laid one Transom (about Thirty Foot) making the sides like the Roofs of our Country Houses, Thatching it close with the aforesaid Leaves, so that it would keep our Rain for a long Time.

We found near the Rivers several Fruits as *Mammes*, *Guyavas*, *Palmetes*, *Pines*, *Oranges*, *Lemons*, &c. The

The Third Day of our Journey they brought us to a Town of their own, situate upon the side of a Hill near a River, encompassed with a Dike Eight foot broad, and a thick Mud Wall Ten foot high. It had one long and broad Street from the East to West, and two cross Streets Narrower, there were in it fifty or sixty Households, which were so cleanly, that not only the the Houses, but Streets were pleasant. Their Apparel is is somewhat after the *Spanish* Fashion. This Town is distant from *Nombre de Dios* Thirty five Leagues and Forty five from *Penama*, it is sufficiently stored with Beasts, Fowls and several Fruits.

As for their Religion they have no kind of Priests, only they hold the Cross in great reputation; but by our *Captains* Persuasions they were contented to leave their Crosses and learn the *Lord's Prayer*, and be instructed in some measure in *God's True Worship*, They keep a continual watch in Four parts within Three Miles of the Town, for fear of the *Spaniards*, who sometimes by the Conduct of some *Cimerons*, Captives to them, have come in upon them, We stayed there all Night, during which time they related to us several Broils betwixt them and the *Spaniards* particularly one A Gentleman entertained by the Governor of the Country, undertook last year: with one Hundred and Fifty Soldiers to put them Young and Old to the Sword, being conducted by one of them that had been taken Prisoner; he surprized it half an hour before Day, whereby many of the Men escaped, but many Women and Children were killed: But the same Morning by Sun rising (their

guide being slain) the *Cimerons*, assembled themselves and behaved in such sort, that they drove the *Spaniards* to such extremity, that partly by the disadvantage of the Woods, having lost their Guide, and partly by Famine, not above Thirty of them returned. Their King, dwelt in a City Sixteen Leagues South East of *Panama*, where in are supposed to be 1700 fighting Men.

Our *Captain* was kindly entreated by them all, and was desired to abide with them some time, but he being intent on his Journey, thank'd them for their kindness, and marched on in his intended Journey.

The Order of our March was thus; Four of the *Cimerons* as knew the way best went a mile before us, breaking off Boughs of Trees, and throwing them in the way for a direction to those that followed; Twelve of them were our Vanguard, Twelve our Reerguard and we in the middle.

Our way through Woods by reason of a shade was cooler then it is in most parts of *England*, in the Summer time.

February, 11th. we came to a high Hill, midway where was a great Tree, whence we might see both North and South the *Atlantick* Ocean; one of the *Cimerons* took our *Captain* by the hand, and led him up thither, who likewise called us up to it. The Tree was cur, and several steps made in it to ascend; near unto the top was made a convenient Bower, wherein Ten or Twelve Men might easily sit.

Being thoroughly fatished with the sight, we descended, and continued our former journey;
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when we came to the *Champion Country* we found the Grass of extraordinary height. The Inhabitants are forced to burn it thrice a Year that their Cattel may feed on it; after which it springs up fresh in three Days; its Stalks are as big as a Wheaten Reed, and though Cattel feed on it, yet in a few Days it grows so high that they cannot reach it.

After we were come within a Days Journey of *Panama*, for fear of being discovered, we went out of the ordinary way, and came to a Grove within a League of *Panama*; thence we sent a *Cimeron*, who had been formerly at *Panama*, in the Habit of a *Negroe*, to learn on what night (for they travel from *Panama* to *Venta-Cruz* by Night, by reason they have no shades there, but from thence to *Nombre de Dios*, by Day, for that Country there abounds in Woods) they were to carry their Treasure to *Nombre de Dios*; who returning, certified us that the *Treasurer* of *Lima* was to go that Night with Eight Moyles laden with Gold, and one with Jewels. And further, that there were Two *Recoes*, Fifty Moyles in each, laden mostly with *Victuals*, with some little quantity of Silver, to come forth that Night after the other. Hereupon we marched till we came within Two Leagues of *Venta Cruz*; two of our *Cimerons* sent before, found a *Spaniard* whom they brought to us; who examining him, were confirmed of the truth of that our Spy had told us. This Soldier having learned who our Captain was, prayed him to preserve him from the fury of the *Cimerons*, and see that he was a Soldier, and assured him of more Gold that Night then they could dispose of, besides Jewels,
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&c. That he would let him have so much as might suffice him and his Mistress to live upon.

Being at the place appointed, our Captain with half his Men lay on one side of the Way about Fifty Paces of, in the long Grass; *John Oxenham* with the Captain of the *Cimerons*, and other half on the other side of the Way, the like distance; but so far distant that by that time the one company could seize on the *Moyles*, the other might take the hindmost; and likewise that if we should have any Skirmish that Night we might not endamage our own Men. We had not lain thus, much above an Hour, when we heard the *Recoes* coming and going betwixt *Panama* and *Venta-Cruz*. And though strict Charge was given, that none of our Men should stir as any passed from *Venta-Cruz*, as knowing they had nothing but Merchandise; yet *Robert Pike*, one of our Men forgot himself and enticing a *Cimeron*, pull'd him down again, yet the Gentleman took notice of him, seeing one all in White, (for we had put our Shirts over our Cloths, that if we should happen to Skirmish with them we might know our Men in the Night) and presently put Spurs to his Horse. This alteration of his Horse's pace was observed by our Captain, who therefore suspected we were discovered, but could not imagine by whose Fault. Yet supposing it might be by reason of the danger of the Place, we lay still in expectation of their coming, who by this time were within half a League of us, and had come but that this Gentleman meeting them, reported what he had seen, and persuaded the Treasurer it was either Captain *Drake*, or some from him, who
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Having been frustrate of their hope of Treasure from *Nombre de Dios*, were resolved to have it here, and thereupon he prevailed with him to turn his *Rocoes* out of the way, and to let other *Rocoes* which were laded most with Victuals, to pass on, in regard; the los of them would be considerable. Thus were we disappointed of a most rich Booty.

The other two *Recoes* coming up we seized up on them. One of their chief Carriers told our Captain how we were discovered, and withal advised us to shift for ourselves betimes. Whereupon *Pedro*, the chief of the *Cimerons*, told us that there were but two ways for escape, either to travel back the same secret way we came, for four Leagues, into the Wood; or else to make a way thorough *Venta Cruz*, by our Swords; The latter of which notwithstanding the dangerousness of it, our Captain chose, as being the shortest way. Therefore commanding all to refresh themselves, he told them his Resolutions, asking *Pedro* if he would give him his Hand, not to forsake him, which he willing did, Vowing that he would rather die at his Feet than leave him to the Enemies Rury, if he held this course. Thus we took our Journey to *Venta-Cruz*, with help of the *Moyles*, till we came within a Mile of the Town, where we turned the *Recoes*, charging their Conductors not to follow us. There the way is cut through the Wood, so as two *Recoes* may pass by one another. For those Woods grow as thick as our thickest Hedges in England.

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of *Eyers* joyned; Our Captain informed of their coming by two *Cimerons* sent before; gave Charge that none of us should Shoot till the *Spaniards* had Fired. When they came up, their Captain charged ours to yield themselves Prisoners, which our Captain refusing, they immediately fired, doing us no considerable hurt, save only *John Harris* one of our company was kill'd. But our Captain perceiving there Shot slackning, gave us a sign to discharge upon them, and then march onwards with Intent to close with them. They retired to a place of greater strength, and we hastened our pace to prevent it. Which the *Cimerons* perceiving (though frighted with the Shot they had stepped aside) rushed forwards with their Arrows ready in their Bows, Leaping, and Dancing, and Singing, *To Pebo, To Pebo*; and so continued till we overtook some of the Enemy, who conveyed themselves within the Woods to have taken their stand at us. But our *Cimerons* break in through the thickest of them, forcing them to fly; divers of our men were wounded and one *Cimeron* killed, who yet revenged his his own Death before he died. Thus we entered the Town, being about Forty or Fifty Houses, having both a Governor and other Officers, and some Fair-Houses, with some Store-Houses, besides the Monastery.

We found here three Gentlewomen lately delivered off Children, who were come hither from *Nombre de Dios*, to bring forth their Children, because it hath been observed that no *Spaniard*, or *White*, could ever be delivered at *Nombre de Dios*, but the Children died within three
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Days; yet being brought up here, or in *Panama*, Five or Six Years, and then brought to *Nombye de Dios*, if they escape Sickness Six Weeks, they live as Healthy as any where. These Gentlewomen, at our first coming, were in great Fear, yet, Our Captain having commanded the *Cimerons* to hurt none, save those that were Armed, they received no Harm. Having set our Guards on all Passages to prevent Danger, we stayed in this Town an Hour and an half refreshing our selves, and our Company and the *Cimerons* had got some Pillage. A little before we departed Twelve Horsemen came from *Panama*, supposing we had been gone, entred the Town but were forced quickly to retire.

Thus having dispatched our Business in this Town, we marched over the Bridge, observing the same order as formerly, and our Captain longing to be at his Ships, hastened his Journey as much as possible, by Reason whereof we marched with hungry Stomachs.

In our absence the *Cimerons* we left with our Men had built a little Town, three Leagues off where our Ship lay, where our Captain at their entreaty made some stay, and supplied us with Shoes, which had been wore out in our Journey. These *Cimerons* were very serviceable to us, being to us Guards, Intelligences, Surveyors, &c. And when any of our Men were tired, two of them would take him up and carry him two Miles together, and likewise shewed themselves very Valiant.

At our entrance into this Town our Captain dispatched a *Cimeron* with an Order and Token to
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to the Master of our Ship, who being come, was quickly sent on Board; and shewing a Tooth-Pike of Gold, which he said our Captain had sent for a Token to *Edward Hixem*, with Charge to meet him at such a River, tho' the Master knew it was the Captain's yet by Reason of his former order he demurred; which the *Cimerons* perceiving, told him because it was Night when he was sent, our Captain could not send a Letter, but with the Point, of his Knife wrote upon the Tooth-Pike; whereupon the Master, looking upon it, read it, and being confirmed of the Truth of it, prepared accordingly, and repaired to the Mouth of River of *Tortugas*, where we met to our mutual Rejoycing: We seem'd to those who had been at rest aboard, strangely Metamorph'z'd, which might probably been thought our long Fasting and Travel, but our inward Grief, for being frustrated of our Design, was no doubt they mainned Cause.

Thus returned from *Panama*, our Captain purposing further to attempt the same Journey, he would not suffer the Edge of his Men to be rebated. And therefore, having a Design to attempt in some other Places, and particularly *Veragna*, a rich Town, lying between *Nombre de Dios* and *Nicaragua*, where is Richest Mine of Gold on this North side, he asked his Company their Opinions, some thought it best to procure more Victuals, that we might keep close till a convenient Time, which might be easily done, seeing the *Victuals Frigates* were not defended; whereas the *Treasure Frigates*, were well Manned, Others were
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for Intercepting the Frigates laden with Treasure both because we had Store of Victuals, and that they might be had at any time, Whereas Treasure was only to be found when the Fleet is therewhich was now, The *Cimerons* being asked their Opinion declared that near *Veraqua Suigrior Pezezo* their Master from whom they had fled had dwelt in a strong Store-House, above nineteen Years, who seldom went Abroad, and that he kept a Hundred Slaves in the Mines; each oblidg'd to bring dailly of gain 3 *Pezoes* of Gold for himself, and two for his Woman (eight Shillings and Three Pence the *Peozoe*) whereby he had gathered a vast Treasure, who cruel and covetous, never went abroad, but with five or six Men in his Guard, and always in fear; and that our Captain were resolved, they would so conduct him thither, as he should not be descryed, but might surprize them; and that although his House were very strong yet they could easily procure him Access to his Treasure.

Our Caprain having heard all their Opinions, concluded to reconcile the two first Opinions, and therefore sent *John Oxenham* Eastward to provide for Victuals, he himself resolving to go Westward in the *Minion*, to lie off on the *Cabez* to attend the Frigats that transported the treasure: But he disliking the *Cimerons* Propolal, lest our Men might thereby be wearied, whom we designed to strengthen for his next Service, Therefore did dimiss such of the *Cimerons* as were desirous to go, with such Gifts as were most pleasing, entertaining still A-board those that were willing to stay, and so they steered

steered their Course as it is said.

The *Minion* about the *Cabezas* met with a Frigate of *Nicaragua*, in which was some Gold, having a *Genoa* Pilot, who being civilly used, certified our Captain of the State of the Town and Harbour, and of a Frigate wherein was a Million of Gold, ready to depart in a few Days, offering to conduct him to it, if he would do him right; for that he knew the Channel so well, that he could enter safely by Night, and utterly undescried; and that because the way by Land from the Point is far and difficult, and by Sea but five Leagues, and though we were discovered, we might dispatch our Business before the Town could have Notice. He likewise told us he heard of *Drake's* being on the Coast, whereby they were greatly afraid, but had not as yet provided themselves against him.

Our Captain hearing this had a Mind to return to his Ship, to have been better informed of the Place by some *Cimerons* there; but the *Genoese* urged to lose no time, promising Success if we delayed not; and therefore our Captain following his Advice, set in for to enter the Harbour.

But when we came to the Mouth of it, we heard a Report of two Chambers, and about a League off, two answering them, whereby our *Genoese* suspected we were discovered, assuring us that his Order was taken since his Departure, Not only this, but Providence likewise crossed our Designs; for the Wind that formerly was Easterly turned to the West; whereupon we returned to our Ship, where on *Sheer-Thursdai* we met according

ing to appointment with our *Bear*, who had improved his time better than we, having taken a Frigate where in were ten Men, great store of Maize, Twenty Eight fat Hogs, and Two hundred Hens, our Captain unladed her, and made her up for a Man of War, having heard by the *Spaniards*, that they were building Two little Gallies in *Nombre de Dios*, to waite the *Canoa Fleet*, to and fro, but not yet lanch'd wherefore he proposed to take that Fleet, and to encourage his *Company*, feasted them sumptuously that *Easter-Day*, the 20th March.

The next Day with this new *Frigat* and *Bear* we set for *Cativaas*, and landed Two Days after, staying till Noon, when seeing a Sail to the Westward, we plyed towards her, and she bare with us till they saw we were no *Spaniards*, and their Captain supposing us those *English Men* he had heard of, he made towards us.

He was a *French* Captain of *New-Havana*, and being distressed, he prayed our Captain to help him to some Water; for that he had nothing but *Wine* and *Cyder* aboard, which had greatly impaired the health of his Men. Our Captain, sent him some Reliet for the Present, willing him to follow us to the next Port, where he should be better supplied. He sent our Captain a Case of Pistols and a gilt Cymeter (which had been the late King of *France's* whom *Monsieur Montgomery* hurt in the Eye, and was given him by Mr. *Scroffe*,) and our Captain requited him with a Chain of Gold, and a Tablet. This Captain reported to us the first news of the Massacre in *Paris* at the King. of *Navares* Marriage on *St. Bartholomews Day* last, of the Admiral of
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France's being slain in his Cruelties. he told what famous Reports he had heard of us; and he desired to know of our Captain what way he might compass his Voyage, Tho' our Captain was jealous of him, yet upon Consultation he resolved to take him and divide his Men, and put them with ours proportionably: so as we needed not to fear much hurt of them, that we might both gratifie them and serve our own turn. Having thus agreed with him we sent for the *Cimerons*; two of them were brought aboard our Ship, to give the French Assurance of his Agreement.

As soon as we had furnish'd our selves, and refresh'd the *French*, which was done in five or six days; taking twenty of the *French*, and fifteen of ours, with one *Cimcron*, and leaving both our Ships in safe Road, we man'd our Frigate and two Pinnaces, and went toward *Rio Francisco*, and because it had not Water enough for our Frigate we left her at the *Cabezas*, man'd with *French* and *English* to *Robert Noble*, to stay there till our Pinnaces return'd; and then bore to *Rio Francisco*, where our Captains landed, and ordered them that had the Charge of the Pinnaces, to be there the fourth Day following.

And thus knowing that the Carriages went now dayly from *Panama* to *Nombre de Dios*, we went secretly through the Woods, towards the Highway betwixt them; it is reckoned five Leagues by Sea, but the way we went was seven. When we were come within an *English* Mile of the way we past the Night in great Silence, in a convenient Place, where we heard the Carpenters working in their

their Ships as they usually do by Reason of the heat of the Day there. The next Morning upon hearing the great Number of Bells, the *Cimerons* rejoiced, as having that Opportunity again, of which we were disappointed before, now they assured us we should have more Gold then we could bear away, as in truth it fell out: For there came three *Recoes*, one of fifty *Moyles*; the other two of seventy each, Which carried in all near thirty Tun of Silver, we put our selves in Readiness, and went down near the way, where we stayed not long before we saw them, and taking hold of the foremost and hindermost *Moyles*, all the rest stayed as their Manner is. They were guarded with about forty five Soldiers, which occasioned some small Skirmish, in which conflict the *French* Captain was dangerously wounded, and one *Cimeron*; but in the End we put them to Flight, and then we unladed the *Moyles*, and being weary we were content to take as little with us as we could easily carry, hiding the rest in convenient Places. But when we had disposed of all our Matters (being about two Hours) and were read to march back, we heard both Horse and Foot coming as it seemed to the *Moyles*, for they did not follow us, after we entered the Woods, and the *French* Captain disabled by reason of his Wounds, staying hoping thereby to recover his Strength. But after we had marched two Leagues, the *French* Soldiers complaining that they wanted one of their Men, it was found upon Examination that he had drunk too much Wine, and over lading himself with Pillage and hasting to go before us, lost himself in the Woods.

Woods; and as we afterwards knew, he was taken by the *Spaniards* that Night, and upon Torture shewed them where we hid our Treasure.

We marched all that Day and the next, to *Rio Francisco* to meet our Pinnaces. Where upon we were a ffraid that they had taken or spoiled ours, our Captain having given them a strict Charge to repair thither: but the Night, before ther having fallen much Rain, and the Wind contrary and boysterous, our Pinnaces could not come thither, whereby they were preserved from the Danger of falling into the *Spaniards* Hands, who had been sent on purpose to take our Pinnaces upon their hearing that we intercepted the Treasure, our Captain fearing, lest having taken our Pinnaces, they had forced our Men by Torture to confess where his Frigate and Ships were; yet he comforted us when we were fearing the worst, and said to us, 'It is no Time now to fear but rather to hast, to prevent that which is feared: and suppose the Enemy to have taken our Frigats, yet it would require time to examine Mariners, and to execute their Resolution; before which Time we might get to our Ships, tho' not by Land, yet by Water. Let us, therefore, make a Raft with Trees that are happily brought down the River this last Storm, and put our selves to Sea; I will be one, who will be the other? *John Smith*, offered himself, and two *French* Men that could swim well, and a *Cimeron*, especially *Pedro* (who was left behind, because he could not row) the Raft was fitted, and a Sail of Buck-Sack prepared an Oar was shap'd out of a young Tree to serve for

for a Rudder. Our Captain at his Departure promised, that if it pleased God he got safe aboard his Frigate, he would in despite of the *Spaniards*, get them all aboard. Thus they sailed three Leagues sitting continually up to the waiste in Water, and at every surge of the Waves to the Armpits, whereby their Skins were much fretted. At last they see the two Pinnaces to our Captains great Joy, who knowing them, chearfully declared to the rest, nor suspecting any such Matter, and Night and Wind growing on, were forced to turn in Cover behind the Point to stay that Night, which our Captain seeing put his Rafter ashore, and ran by Land about the Point, where he found them, who upon sight of him made as much hast to have him a board, being afraid he was chased by the Enemy, seeing him thus running, and attended by so few. But when he was goat aboard he rid them of their Doubts, shewing them a *Quoit of Gold*, thanking God, that our Voyage was made. And he told the *French Men* that their Captain, with two of his Men, were left behind sore wounded, but it should be no Disadvantage to them That Night our Captain rowed to *Rio Francisco* where he took in the rest with the Treasure; and dawning of the Day sailed back to our Frigate, and from thence to our Ships and then divided the Gold and Silver equally betwixt the *French* and *English*.

About a Fortnight after, having taken all *Necessaries* out of our Ship into our Frigate, and given her to the *Spaniards*, we had detained all this time we set out with the *French Ship*, riding some Days by the *Cabezas*. In the mean Time our Captain
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sent twelve of our Men with sixteen *Cimerons*, to try if they could liberate the *French* Captain that was taken or at least, bring away the Treasure we had hid, *John Oxenham*, and *Thomas Sherwell* were intrusted with it, For they would by no means hazard our Captain, who yet conveyed them ashore at *Rio Francisco*, where he received one of the *French* men: who having escaped the *Spaniards*, was now coming towards our Pinnace, he told us, that within half an Hour after our Departure the *Spaniards* over took them, and took his Captain, and his Companion ; but that he escaped by reason he cast away all his Carrage, and that thereby he made himself fit for Flight.

As for our Silver we hid, he thought it was all carried away ; for near Two Thousand *Spaniards* and Negroes were digging up all the Ground there about for it: Notwithstanding this our Men went to the place, and for all the narrow search that was made, brought back to our Frigate Thirty Bars of Silver, and some Quoits of Gold now we proposed to go homewards, and our Captain in order thereunto, designed to look for a sufficient Ship to carry so much Victuals, might serve for our Voyage.

The *French* Men having formerly gone from us, met with us again, and very loth to leave us ; but accompanied us to *St Bernards* and would have gone further, but that we heard the Fleet was ready to sail for *Spain*, riding near *Cartagena* Thus we departed from them, passing by *Carthagena*, in Sight of all the Fleet with a Flag of *St George* in the Main Top of our Frigate, with Silk Streamers and

and Ancients down to the Water, sailing small Sail about Midnight we took a Frigate came from *Rio Grand*, of Twenty Five Tuns, laden with *Maiz*, *Hens*, and *Hogs*, with some *Honey*. (Which was then very useful, as reviving our crazed People.) The next Morning we set the Prisoners ashore and with out Stop sailed to *Cabezas*, where we heav'd all our Lading ashore, and brought our Frigats on the Carine, and new rallowed them. Being ready to depart, we burnt our Pinnaces that the *Cimerons* might have the Iron Work, and our Captain desired *Pedro*, with some others of them, to take what they had a mind to in the Ship, promising to with hold nothing from them, without which we could subsist in our Voyage, and that he would look out some Silks and Linnen for their Wives ; whilst while he was chosing out of his Trunks, *Pedro* espyed the *Cymeter* the *French* Captain had given him, and had a great Mind to it, and being loth to ask our Captain for it himself, he desired another to do it for him, promising him a *Quoit of Gold* for his Pains, and that he would give our Captain Four other great *Quoits*. Our Captain being accordingly moved for it, though unwilling to part with it, yet willing to gratifie him that had deserved it so well, gave it him. He was exceedingly rejoyced here at, declaring that he would present his King with it, and in requital, he desired our Captain to accept four Pieces of Gold. Our Captain received it in most kind Sort, but put it not to his own private Use, but caused it to be cast to the whole Adventure ; saying that it was Reason, that they which bore part of his Burthen

then in setting him to Sea, should share in the Profit. Thus we took our Leave of that People setting over to the Islands of —, and thence towards *Cape St. Anthony*; but being to stand for the *Havana*, we plyed to the Windward several Days, at which time we took a small Bark, in which were Two Hundred *Hides* and a *Pump*, which we set in our Frigate. The Bark, as not useful for us, we gave them again, and afterwards came to *Cape St. Anthony*; where we refreshed ourselves, and took Two Hundred and Fifty *Turtles* by Night, which we powdered and dried for our Use.

There were at this Time belonging to the several Plantations of the *Spaniards* above Two Hundred Frigats some of One Hundred and Twenty, some of Twelve, but most of Thirty, or Forty *Tuns*; most of which During our Abode in those Parts we took, and some of them twice or thrice, and yet never burnt, nor sunk any of them, unless Men of War, sent against us, or set to entrap us. The Men we used very civilly, either immediately by Dismissing them, or if we kept them any Time providing for them as for ourselves, and sheltered them from the Rage of the *Cimerons*. We set Sail from this *Cape of St. Anthony*, and performed our Voyage very prosperously. For where as our Captain intended to touch at *New found land* here to have watered, being very scarce of it, it pleased God, to give us such store of Rain Water that we were sufficiently furnished. Within Thirty Days, we past from the *Cape of Florida* to the Isles of *Scilly*, and so arrived at *Plimouth* on Sunday about Sermon time, August 9th, 1573.



Sir Francis Drake's

Second VOYAGE.

Captain *Francis Drake*, having in a former Voyage in the years one Thousand Five, Hundred and Seventy Two, and Seventy Three, had some View of the *South Atlantick*, and thereupon conceiving a desire of being better acquainted with it, tho' he was crossed in his Design for several Years, partly through secret Envy, and partly by his Serving here for his Prince and Country; at length in the year one Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Seven. by Gracious Commission from his Sovereign and by help of divers Friends Adventures, he fitted himself with Five Ships, viz the *Pelican* Admiral, burthen Hundred Tuns, Captain General *Francis Drake*, the *Elizabeth* Vice Admiral, burthen 80 Tuns, Captain *John Winter*; the *Marigold*, a bark of Thirty Tuns, Captain *John Thomas*; the *Swan*, a Friboat of Fifty Tuns, Captain *John Chester*; and the *Christopher*, a Pinnace of Fifteen Tuns.

The Ships he Manned with a Hundred and Sixty Four able Men, and furnished them with all Necessaries, not forgetting Ornaments and delights having with him several expert Musicians; he

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likewise made some Pinnaces, but carried Aboard in Pieces for to be set up when Occasion served. Thus furnished, we set sail from *Plymouth*, Nov. 15. 1557. at Five a Clock in the Afternoon; but meeting with a contrary Wind, we were forced to put in at *Falmouth*. The next Day there arose a Storm that the *Admiral* and *Marigold* were faine to cut their Main-Mast; and therefore, when the Storm was over we returned to *Plimouth* to repair our Damages; which done we put to Sea again, Decemb. 13. when we were out of Sight of Land, we easily conjectured whither our General intended by his Course, and his Appointing *Mogadore* our Place of Meeting, if any of our Ships should be parted from the Fleet.

The first Land we had sight of was Cape *Carsine* in *Barbary*, on *Christmas-Day* in the Morning. The Shore is white Sand, the inland Mountains in 32 deg. 30 min. North lat. Coasting from hence 18 Leagues Southward, we arrived at the Island *Mogadore* before named. It is under the King of *Fess*, in 31 deg. 40 min. a Mile of the Shore, making a good Harbour between the Land and it. It is uninhabited, but a League in Circumference, overgrown with Shrubs, not unlike our Privet, full of Doves, and much frequented by ravenous Birds. At the South Side of it are three hollow Rocks, under which are Store of wholesome, but ugly Fish. We sent a Boat to sound the Harbour, and finding it safe, we brought in our Ships, Decemb. 27. and continued there till the End of the Month, setting up one of our Pinnaces. The Inhabitants perceiving us, gave us

Signs

Signs of their Desire to be brought Aboard, to whom our General sent a Boat, in which two of the *Moors* were received, one of ours being left Ashore as a Pledge.

We entertained them very courteously, that they might thereby understand that we came in Peace, offering to Traffick for their Conntry Commodities. To this they agreed, promising to bring such Things as they had to exchange for ours. It is a Law among them to drink no Wine, notwithstanding privately they taste it Liberally, as we found: At their Return they restored our Pledge. The next Day they brought with them *Camels* in Shew, loaden with Wares; and therefore according to order (our General being then ashore in the Island) we shut off a Boat: Our Boat being come to Land, *John Fry*, one of our Men mistrusting no Danger stept out of the Boat, but was presently laid hold of, and carried away. The Cause of this was a Desire the King had to know whence our Fleet was; whether it were a Fore-runner of the King of *Portugals*; but he having declared who we were, was immediately sent back with a Present to his Captain. But in the mean Time our Captain resenting it, landed his Company, and marched into the Country without Resistance, wherefore having provided some Wood, and viewed an old Fort built by the King of *Portugal*, now ruined by this King, we departed Decemb. 13. for Cape *Blank*; so that when *Fry* return'd we were gone, yet the King sent him home to *England* in an *Englisch* Merchant.

Till *January* 4th. we had Foul Weather; yet

we reached *Cape de Guerre*, where we took 3 *Spanish* Fishermen, and carried with us to *Rio del Oro* under the Trop of *Cancer*, where we took a *Carvel*; from thence we Sailed to *Cape Barbas*, and took another *Carvel*, and *January* 16th to *Blank*.

This Cape lyeth in 20 deg. 30 min. on the North Side, resembling the Corner of a Wall; the Land betwixt it and *Barbas*, is low and sandy. Here we observ'd the South Guards (called the *Crossieas*) 9 deg. 30 min. above the *Horizon*. We took a *Spanish* Ship riding here; all her Men having fled, save two, and carried her with the rest into the Harbour, 3 Leagues within the *Cape*.

This being a plentiful Place, our General proposed to stay a While to refresh his Men. During our Abode, he was visited by the People of the Country, who brought down a Woman a Moor, with an Infant hanging by her dry Dug, having scarce Life in Her, to be sold as a Cow and a Calf, but our General would not deal in such Goods. They also brought *Ambergrase*. and *Gums* to exchange for *Water*; of which they are very scarce; our General gave them *Water*, but would take nothing for it, as also some of our Victuals; their Manner of Eating whereof was Inhuman

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Having trimmed our Ships and discharged the *Spaniards*, save one we took with us, we departed for the Islands of *Cape de Verd*, intending there to take in Water, for that from thence we intended straight for *Brazil*, without touching Land. And having the Wind at *N. E.* and *E. N. E.* Trade Winds being usual in those Places, we Coasted *Bonavista*, and the next Day, *January 28.* we came to Anchor in the *West* Part of the Island *Maio* in 15 deg. being high Land, save only the *Northwest* Part, a League from the Sea very low, and is Inhabited by the *Portuguese*:

Landing here we found a great many ruinous Houses, with a poor naked Chappel; The Springs and Wells were stopped up, and we could have no Water for our Use, wherefore we marched up to seek some, or at least to see if the People could be prevailed with to help us. In this our Journey we found the Soil very fruitful, full of *Fig-Trees*, and in the Vallies where their Cottages were; Vineyards bearing ripe *Grapes*, tho' now in Winter (the Sun scarce ever withdrawing himself from them.) There were also *Coco-Trees*, no Branches sprouting forth but at the Top, with several others. We found good Water in se-

veral Places, but being far of the Road, we could not carry it to our Ships, The People would not come near us, keeping themselves close in their Houses.

This Island hath great store of *Goats*, *Hens*, and *Salt* made Naturally by the Sun's Heat, so that of the Product thereof they keep continual Traffick with the adjacent Islands. We departed thence *January* 30th. Next Day we passed *St. Jago*, 10 Leagues *West*, in the same Latitude, inhabited by *Portugals* and *Moors*. The *Portugals* being formerly sole Lord's of that Country, used that Rigor towards their *Slaves*, that they were forc'd to try some Means of Help, and thereupon fled to the Mountainous Parts, whereby continual escapes encreasing to a great Number, they now live in that Terror of their Oppressors, that they endure no less Bondage in Mind than formerly in Body; besides the Damages in their Goods and Cattel, they suffer daily from them.

On the *South-West* of this Island we took a *Portugueze* laden with *Wine*, *Woollen*, and *Linnen Cloth*, &c. bound for *Brazil*. As we passed by in Sight of 3 of their Towns, They shot off 3 great Pieces, which we Answered. Twelve Leagues *South* of *St. Jago*, lyes that Island called by the *Portugueze*

queze Fogo the burning Island. In which riseth a Steep hill 6 Leagues high, within the Bowels of which is a constant Fire, which breaketh out with Violence 4 Times an Hour. Herein is engendered a great quantity of *Pumice* Stones, which being by the Vehemency of the Fire, carried up into the Air, fall down upon the Hill, and many Times into the Sea. The rest of the Island is Fruitful, and Inhabited by *Portugals*.

Two Leagues to the *South* of this Island, lies a pleasant Island full of Trees, which are always Green, whence it is called the *Brave-Island*; being a Store-House of many Fruits, as *Fige*, *Coco's*, *Plantains*, *Oranges*, &c. Full of Streams of Water: But there is no convenient Road for Ships. For after long Sounding, we could find no Ground at any Hand, neither was it ever known, that any Line would fetch Ground in any Place about the Island. So that the Top of *Fogo*, burneth not so high in the Air, but that the Root of *Brava* is buried as low in the Seas. The only Inhabitant of this Island is an Hermit, as we suppose, for we saw but one House, built as it seems for such Purpose; and he was so delighted in his solitary Life, he would by no means abide

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abide our coming, but fled, leaving behind him a *Cross* with a *Crucifix*, and such other Idolatrous trash.

Here we dismissed the *Portugals*, taken at St. *Jago*, and gave them for their Ship, our new Pinnace, with Provision to carry them home.

Having thus taken in fresh Water, we departed Feb. 2d. and fell in the Coast of *Brazil*, Apr. 5th. 1576. During which Voyage, where we saw nothing but Sea and Air; as we beheld the wonderful Works of God in his Creatues, so likewise we did taste the goodness thereof, for relief of our necessities. We often had adverse Winds, and sometimes Calms, and also terrible Lightnings and Thunder, yet with a mixture of Comforts; for it pleased God that (whereas we were but badly furnished with Water) when we were within four Degrees of the Line on this side, and past it so many on the other, we had every Day some Rain, whereby our want of Water was much supplied. This was also observable, that notwithstanding the badness of the Passage, and Storms we sometimes had, yet not one of us lost our Company, save only the *Portugal Prize* for one Day, but next Day found us again. Among the many strange
Creatures

Creatures we saw, we took particular Notice of a flying Fish, as big as the ordinary *Pilchards*, its Fins are of the length of its whole Body. resembling and supplying the use of Wings; for therewith, when it is chased by bigger Fish, and cannot escape by Swimming, it lifteth it self above the Water, and flyeth a pretty way, sometimes lighting on Boats or Barks. The Quills thereof are proportionable set together, and a thin Flim, so that they would serve for a longer or higher Flight, but that the dryness of them is such, that unless moistned every 10 or twelve Strokes, they grow stiff and unfit for Motion. The encrease of these Creatures is wonderful, which if it had not been so, their kind could not have been continued, they being a Prey to so many Creatures, and when they flee into the Air, in shunning one hazard, they commonly incur another, by some ravenous Fowl. When we came within 3 Leagues of *Brazil*, in 31 deg. 30 min. *South-Latitude*, having 12 fathom Water, we were discovered by the Inhabitants, and we saw huge Fires, made by them in several Places, which Custom they thought to be Universal among *Christians* and *Heathens*, yet is differently used by them, to wit, for a Sacrifice.

crifice to *Devils*, with many other Conjurations, casting up heaps of Sand, &c. that if any Ships stay upon their Coast, their *Ministring Spirits* may make wrack of them, which the *Portugueze* have found to their Loss. But this devilish intent of their's was of no Effect to us; for though we had great Storms, yet we sustained no Damage, but the seperating our Ships: And seeing we could find no Harbour thereabouts, we coasted a long *Southward*, till *April 14th*. In the Morning we passed by *Cape St. Mary*, in 35 deg. near the Mouth of the River *Plate*. and running within it 6 or 7 Leagues we came to Anchor under another Cape, which our General after called *Cape Joy*, because the Second Day after our Anchoring here, the *Christopher* we had lost in the former Storm came to us again. The cares our General took besides the main Care of effecting his Voyage, were these to keep our whole Fleet together; to get fresh Water for our Men, and to refresh them when wearied: And therefore, at our departure from *Cape de Verd*, the next place of Meeting, (if we should be dispersed, or for Watering) was appointed to be the River of *Plate*. The Country thereabout is Temperate, of a sweet Air, and fruitful Soil: And hath

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among other Things, plenty of large Deer.

We removed thence 12 Leagues further, where was a long trace of Rocks, not far from the Main, making a commodious Harbour, especially against the *South-wind*, and rode till the 20th. Day, where we killed a store of *Seals*, We weighed again hence and sailed further up the River, till we had but 3 Fathom, and were in fresh Water, but because the Winds were strong and could have no safe Harbour there, we went to Sea again, *April 27th*. The Land here lieth S. S. W. and N. N. E. With Shoal Water, some 3 or 4 Leagues off into the Sea; its in 35 deg. 20 min. or better *South-Latitude*.

At our coming to Sea, the *Swan* lost Company of us, and therefore our General, to prevent the like in those that remained, knowing that the Coast (it drawing now toward Winter) used to be subject to Tempestuous Weather, determined to seek out some convenient Harbour, so searched all that Coast, from 36 to 47. deg. but found none, And *May 8th*. by another Storm the *Counter* was levered from us. *May 12th* we saw Land, in 47 deg. where came to Anchor in such Road as we could for the Time Our General named the place *Cape Hope* by.

by Reason of a Bay within, which promise a convenient Harbour. But by reason of the many Rocks lying off it, without Trial first made.

Our General (who never was want in Matters of Importance to trust to other Mens Care) went himself, with some others in a Boat. *May 13.* to Sound it out: And being now nigh the Shore, suddenly a thick Fog arose with a great Tempest ; our General thought it now best to Return to his Ship: But the Fog was so thick, that they could see none of us. Captain *Thomas*, out of Love to our General, Hazarded in with his Ship, where we found him, and received him Aboard, and then dropt an Anchor there, and lay safe during the Storm, while we were tossed at Sea. The next Day the *Weather* being Fair, our General went Ashoar, and by making of Fires the Ships that were dispersed met: Except the *Swan*, and our *Portugal* Prize the *Mary*.

In this Place (the People being fled for Fear of our Coming) we found near the Rocks, in Houses made for that Purpose, 50 *Ostriches* at least, with other Fowls, some dryed and some drying for their Provision. The *Ostriches* Thighs were as big as ordinary Legs of *Mutton*: They cannot Fly,

Fly, but Run so swiftly that a Man cannot over take them, nor come within Shot of them. We found the Instruments those People use to take them with: Among which this, is one; They have a large Plumb of Feathers, tyed together upon the End of a *Staff*, in the Fore-part it resembles the Head, Neck, and Bulk of an *Ostrich*, in the Hinder-part spreading itself out so large as to hide the Body of a Man. With this they drive them into some Neck of Land by the Sea, where spreading long Nets, with their Dogs, they overthrow them. The Country is very Pleasant, and of a fruitful Soil.

Being afterwards driven to this Place again, we had great Familiarity with the People, who Rejoyced at our Return, because we had done no Hurt; But because this Place was not fit for our Purpose, we departed *May* 15th. and held our Course S. and by W. In 47 deg. 30 min. we found a Bay Convenient for us, in which we Anchored *May* 17th. and the next Day went further in where we Abode 15 Days.

The first Day of our Arrivall here, our General sent Captain *Winter*, Southward, he himself going to the North, in Search of the 2 Ships, and it pleased God he met
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with the *Swan*, which he brought with him into the Harbour; where being unladen, She was cast off, and her Iron-Work and other Necessaries reserved for Use, the remainder being made Fire-Wood, the other Ship we could not as yet hear off.

After a little stay here, some of our Men being Ashoar, in an Island near the Main, the People of the Country shewed themselves to us, with Leaping, Dancing, Shouting, &c. after their Manner. Our General sent a Boat to them, with *Knives, Bells, Buggles* and such Things, where upon they Assembled on a Hill, near the Water-side, and sent 2 of their Company, running one after the other with great Pace; but when they drew near, they Halted, refusing to come up; which our Men perceiving sent such Things as they had, and laid them in their View, and as soon as our Men were departed, they came and took them; leaving in exchange thereof, *Feathers*, and *Bone* made in fashion of a *Toothpike*, Carved about the Top, 6 inches long. Whereupon our General with divers others at low Water sent over to the Main. Against his coming they remained still on the Hill, setting themselves all in one Rank, ordaining one of them to Run from one of it to other, and back again,

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from one end of it to the other, and back again, *East* and *West*, holding his Hands over his Head, and yielding forward his Body toward the rising and setting of the Sun, and every second or third Turn erecting it towards the Body of the People after their Ridiculous Manner: When they saw us ascending the Hill to them, they seemed afraid. Which our General seeing retired; whereby they were confirmed we had no design to Injure them, therefore they came down with great Speed after us, and Trafficked with us. The Wares we had from them were *Arrows* of *Reeds*, *Feathers*, and *Bones* as aforesaid.

They go Naked, except a Skin of *Fur* they cast about their Shoulders, when they sit still; but when they are doing any Work, they gird it about their Loyns. They wear their Hair long, and when they Travel they put it up with a Roll of *Ostrich* Feathers, using those Rolls likewise for Quivers, and for carrying Provision, some on each side within these Rolls (for a sign of Honour) have a large plain *Feather*, shewing like Horns afar off.

They Paint their Bodies, with divers Colours: Some Wash their Faces with *Sulphur*, some Paint their whole Bodies Black, leaving

leaving only their Neck White; some has one Shoulder Black another White, and their Sides and Legs after the same Manner, the Black part hath set upon it White Moons, and the White Black Suns, which are the Marks and Characters of their God's.

This Advantage (I conceive) they have of Painting their Bodies; that it armeth them against the nipping Cold, for the Colours being soak'd into the inner part of their Skin, fills up the Pores so close that no Cold can enter: They have clean, comely and strong Bodies, are swift of Foot, and Active.

It's strange to think how they, having never before known *Christians*, in a short Time were so kind, Judgeing us a People they ought to serve, and not injure; esteeming our General as a Father, us as Brethren. One of the chieft of them receiving a Cap of our Generals went a little from us, and Pierced his Leg with an Arrow, till the Blood flew out, hereby signifying his unfeigned Love. They were in all, that Converſed with us, about 50.

In the *Southermost* part of this Bay, there is a fresh Water River. There is a great many Islands, of which some have such
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store of *Seals* as would maintain an Army of Men: Others are in like sort replenish'd with Fowl. We could not perceive that the People had any Boats or Canoes to come to these Islands. The Viſtuals they eat are generally Raw. They go all armed with Bows an Ell long, with Arrows of Reeds, and headed with Flint-Stone; Artificially cut and fastened.

This Bay by reason of plenty of *Seals*, we called *Seal Bay* (for we killed 200 in one Hour.) And being now well provided, we sailed thence, *June* 3. towards the *Pole Anttractick*. *June* 12. we Anchored in a little Bay and stayed two Days, discharging our Counter the *Christopher*, which we laid up here.

June 14th. We departed and kept our Course till the 17th then we Anchored in a Bay, in 50 deg. 20 min. distant not above a Degree of the Mouth of the *Streights*, through which lay our Way to the *South-Sea*.

Here our General altered his Course, and Steered *Northward*, to see after our Ship we had Lost, because that if we entered the *Streights* without her, it would go hard with her, and next Day being *June* 19th. towards Night, within a few Leagues of
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St. *Julian* we found her, and because both Ship and Men were distressed by Weather, our General bare into St. *Julian*. June 20th that he might repair her, and refresh them. It standeth in 49 deg. 2 min. South Lat. and hath on the South Side of the Harbour Picked Rocks, and in the Harbour many Islands; being come to Anchor, our General Rowed further in a Boat, to find out a Place for Watering: At his Landing 2 of the Inhabitants (by *Magellane* called *Patagous* or *Pentagours* from their huge Stature and Strength) Visited him, seeming to rejoyce at his Arrival, taking great Pleasure in seeing Mr. *Oliver*, Master Gunner of the *Admiral*, Shoot an *English Arrow*, trying to Shoot with him but were far short of him.

Another of these came up and checkt his Fellows for their Familiarity with us, and dealt with them to become our Enemies; which our General and his Men not suspecting, used them as before, and one *Robert Winter*, shooting an Arrow, at lenght his Bow-strings broke, which they seeing, fearing the Bows more than our other Weapons; took Courage, and coming behind them (while they suspecting nothing were going towards there Boat) Shot at him who had

had the Bow, that he might not string it again, and Wounded him in the Shoulder; whereupon he turning about, was, with another Arrow Shot through his Lungs, yet he fell not, the Master Gunner then discharging his, which miscarried was Slain out right; in this Extremity our General behaving himself Wisely and Courageously, ordered his Men to shift from Place to Place, encroaching upon the Enemy, and to use their Targets and other Weapons for their Defence, also, to break as many Arrows as they could come at, knowing that when their Arrows was all spent they could have them at their Pleasure; and he himself shooting off the Calliver, dispatched the beginner of the Quarrel, who had kill'd our Master Gunner, whereby the Courage of his Partners was abated, so that they were glad to save themselves by Flight. Our General chose rather to depart, then take Revenge, and in so doing he might save one of his Men, who was dangerously Wounded, yet notwithstanding, he dyed two Days after he was carried Aboard. The Gunners Body being left ashoar that Night, our General next Day with his Boat well manned, went ashoar to fetch it, which they found lying where it was left, but
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stript of his outer Garment, and an Arrow stuck in his right Eye. Both their Bodies were decently Interred in one Grave.

Magellane, rightly termed those Creatures *Giants*? for they differ from the common sort of Men, in Stature, Bigness, Strength of Body, Hideousness of Voice; yet they are not so Monstrous or *Giant* like as Report says, there being some *English* Men as tall as they; But the *Spanish* Cruelties have made them more Monstrous in Mind, than they are in Body, and unnatural to Strangers.

Notwithstanding, the Terrour they conceived of us, so quencht their Heat that they forgot Revenge; and seemed to repent of the Wrong done us, suffered us to do what we would for two Months space without Molestation.

After this Evil received of them, a greater was devised among ourselves, but it was detected and prevented in Time, which if it had taken Effect, our General and his Faithful Friends had been Murdered, to the final Destruction of our whole Design. This Plot hath been contrived at *Plymouth*, and was discovered to our General there, yet gave no Credit to it, as being a Person he had such Affection to. And therefore

Therefore afterward he had not only continued him in Favour, but used him as his Bosom Friend; and was often offended at them who discovered the Treacher to him; But at length his Friendship did no good, and that his Ambition was not allyed, he resolved to call his Practices in Question before it was too late. And therefore assembling his Captains, had him before them, where the Gentleman knowing himself Guilty, shewd a great remorse for his unkind dealing, besought them to execute Justice upon him; Whereupon they all adjudged him worthy of Death. This Judgment was held Ashoar in one of the Islands of that Port, which in Memory of that, was called the Island of *True Justice and Judgement*. He desired to receive the Sacrament before his Death, which was granted. And *John Fletcher*, Chaplain to the *Fleet* Administred it to him. Our General likewise communicating with him: afterwards the dinned together as loving as ever they had done, and took their Farewell as it they had only been going a Journey. After Dinner the Sentence was executed upon him; he shewing great remorse for that heinous Crime, and great signs of Devotion at his Death; Afterwards we Buried

Buried him, setting a Mill-stone we found there broke in two, at his Head and Feet, and Engraved the Names of our Men that were Buried, and a Memorial of our Captain's Name in Lattin. After he was Executed, our General discharged the *Mary*, our *Portugal Prize* (being Leaky) defaced and having Watered and Trimmed our Ships, and reduced our *Fleet* to 3 Ships, besides our Pinnaces, we departed this Port, *Aug. 3.* and set our Course for the *Streights South West.*

Aug. 25th. We fell without the Cape, near which is the entrance into the *Streights*, by the *Spaniards* called *Cape Firgin Maria*, appearing at 4 Leagues distance, with steep Grey Clifts, full of Black Stars, against which the Sea beating, represents the Spouting of *Whales*, the highest Cape being like *Cape Vincent* in *Portugal*. At this Cape our General caused his *Fleet* in Homage to our Sovereign Lady the Queen's Majesty, to strike there *Topails*: And in Remembrance of his Honourable Friend, Sir *Christopher Hatten*, he changed the Name of his Ship, from the *Pelican* to the *Golden Hind*. Which being ended with a Sermon, Prayer and Thanksgiving for her Majesty, We continued our Course into the

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said Frete, and came into a narrow *Streight* exceeding dangerous, it lyeth *W.N.W.* and *E.S.E.* and having lost it we came to a large Sea, the Night following, we had an Island in Sight equal to *Fogo*, in height and burning like it.

It hath formerly been reported as Truth, the Seas have a continual Currant from *East* to *West* in this *Streight*, but we found it otherwise, the ebbing and flowings being as orderly here as on other Coasts.

Aug. 24th. We fell with 3 Islands bearing Triangle-wise one from another, in one of them being large and fruitful, our General with some of his Men landed, taking Possession of it in Her Majesty's Name, and called it the *Elizabeth* Island. In the other two, which were not so large, we found good store of strange Birds, which could not Fly at all, nor Run so fast as to escape us, They are less than a *Goose*, and bigger than a *Mallard*, short and well set together, having no Feathers, but instead thereof a sort of hard and matted Down: Their Beaks are like the Bills of *Crows*, they Lodge and Breed on Land, where making Earths as *Connies* do, they lay their Eggs. They feed on the Sea, where they Swim incredible swift. In one Day we killed 3000
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of them. These two Islands our General named, the one *St. Bartholomew's* and the other *St. George's*.

In the Island of *St. George* we found the Body of a Man so long Dead before, that his Bones fell asunder, when moved out of the Place they lay in.

From these Islands, to the entry of the *South-Sea*, Frete is very Crooked. And though it be true, what *Magellane* reporteth of this Passage, that there are many fair Harbours, and store of fresh Water, yet when any contrary Winds arise, it is extremly Dangerous. The Land on both Sides is High and Mountainous, having on the *North* and *West* the Continent of *America*, on the *South* and *East* nothing but ISLANDS, among which lie innumerable Fretes, into the *South-Sea*, the Mountains are prodigious for Height, being still encreased with congealed Clouds and frozen Meteors, which are scarce ever diminished by the heat of the SUN, yet the plain Grounds are Fruitful, the Grass Plentious, Herds Many, of very strange Sorts, the Trees for most part always Green, the Air Temperate as ours.

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the South - Sea, we were to shut up to the
 Northward, and had such large and open
 retes to the South, we knew not what way
 to pass, without further Discovery; so
 that our General Anchored the Fleet un-
 der an Island, and went with some others in
 Boat to find a Passage, which having done
 they returned, meeting with a Canoe, un-
 der the same Iverse Island, which was made
 of the Bark of divers Trees, having a *Prow*
 and *Stern* standing up, and Semicircle wise
 yielding inward, the Body of most excel-
 lent Workmanship: So that our General
 concluded that it was not contrived by the
 Art, nor for the Use of such rude People
 as these, it had no caulking in the Seames
 but stitching with Thongs made of Skins,
 and yet kept out the Water. The People
 are of low Stature, but compact, they Paint
 as the others do. Within this Island they
 have mean Cottages of Poles covered with
 Skins of Beasts. Their Vessells and Cups
 are of Barks of Trees. Their Working
 Tools are Knives made of huge and mon-
 struous *Muscel-shells* which after they have
 broke off the thin and brittle substance of
 the Edge, they grind upon Stones, till
 they have put such an Edge upon them
 that they will cut the hardest Wood, yea
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September 6th. We got free of these Islands and entered the *South Sea*; at the Cape whereof our General intended to have gone Ashoar, and there, after a Sermon Preached, to have left a Monument of her Majesty, Engraven in Mettal; but could not conveniently.

By all our Observations we concluded that this *Strait* was 150 Leagues in length, the breadth in some Places more, in others less; and in the end found it to be no *Strait* but only Islands.

When our General saw that his Men where not able to endure the Cold, he intended to have returned towards the *Line*, Lest our Men might contract some greivous Distemper; but it pleased God to thwart his Design. For the 2d. Day after we entered *Mare Pacificum*, or the *Pacifick-Sea*, a furivous Storm with contrary Winds arose, whereby we were in great Jeopardy of our Lives.

In the Time of this Storm Sept. 15th. the Moon was Eclipsed in *Aries*, and darkned about 3 Points for 2 Hours; but our Storm continued 52 Days. And Sept. 30th. in the Night the Storm encreasing the *Marigold* was seperated from us; whom we never met again, altho' our General had ordered, that

that if any of our *Fleet* lost our Company, we should meet again on the Coasts of *Peru* in 30 deg. or thereabout. From *Sept.* 7th. (when the Storm began) till *October* 7th. we could not recover Land, being driven to 37 deg. of *South* Lat. And this Day towards Night we entered an Harbour on the aforesaid *Streight*, towards the *South-Sea* hoping to shelter till the Storm was over, we had not been 3 Hours, but by Violence, of the Storm, our Admiral lost an Anchor, and also lost Sight of our Vice-Admiral the *Elizabeth*, which we never saw more, for She arrived in *England*, *June* 20th. next Year. So that now our Admiral was left alone, and altho' our General sought the rest of his Fleet carefully, yet could by no Means find them. Thus parted from our Friends we were driven back into 55 deg. *South* Lat. among the Islands aforesaid. And after we had been there 2 Days, and a little refresht ourselves, of a sudden a Tempestuous Storm arose, whereby we were in extream Hazard of our Lives, and expected to be Swallowed up every Moment. But it pleased God of his infinite Mercy, when all our Hopes were gone, Miraculously to deliver us. Being thus Delivered we were necessitated to seek for some Place,

of Refuge, both to provide Necessaries, and refresh our Men.

We returned among the said Islands, where we hoped for better Rest, and the rather, because we found the People of that Country Travelling from one Place to another, with whom we Trafficked for several Commodities, and had respite for 3 Days, being in continual Fear of the dangers, the troubled Seas, and blustering Winds threatened us, which accordingly happened; for we were assaulted by a more vehement Storm, leaving behind us our Anchor, and a great part of our Cable, driven betwixt Wind and Water. till we fell the uttermost Part of the Land, towards the *South - Pole*, when we discovered how far the same reacheth *Southward* from the Coast of *America* aforenam'd.

The uttermost Cape of these Islands lyes in 56 deg. where no Main-land nor Island is to the *South*, but the *Atlantick* and *South-Sea* met.

It was hitherto dreamed that these Islands were a Main, and that it was *Terra-Incognita*, and truly it might be so called before this Time, for before this it was never discovered, that we heard of, and here we may refute that Error, held by many, that

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it is impossible to return out of *Mare del Zur* into the Ocean, by Reason of the supposed Eastern Current and Levant Winds; for neither did we meet with such Current, nor had such Winds to carry us through but always in our Passage found it easier to return into the *West* Ocean, than to go forward into *Mare del Zur*; whereof we had much Experience, being glad oftimes to alter our Course, and fall astern again, with Frank Wind, further in one Afternoon than we could fetch up again in a whole Day with a reasonable Gale, They are no less mistaken in alledging the narrowness of the *Frete*; for we found the quite contrary.

As we reached the utmost part of these Islands, *October* 28th. our Storm ceased. Here we found the Night in the latter end of *October* not above 2 Hours long. So that it seems, when the Sun is in the *Tropick* of *Caricorn*, they have little or no Night. The Inhabitants Manner of Apparel, &c. are the same with those aforementioned, before we entered the *Streights*. Our General called these Islands *Elizabethides*.

October 30th. We departed thence steering our Course *North-west*, to coast along *Peru* (being the appointed Place for our

Fleet to re-assemble) the next Day we came to two Islands, wherein were great store of Birds, whereof we were sufficiently furnished with Victuals; Thence steering still *North-west* we found ourselves like to have been deceived in taking our Rules by the common Maps, which set down the Coast of *Peru* to lye 12 deg. *Northwards* from the supposed *Streight*, when it is quite contrary; and therefore we altered our Course,

That Part of *Peru* all along to the heighth of *Lima* being 12 deg. *South* of the Line, is Mountainous and Barren, except a few Places Inhabited by the *Spaniards* and some others. —

Being thus fallen with the Land, we coasted along till we came to 37 deg. and finding no convenient Place, no likelihood of hearing of our Ships, we ran off with an Island in Sight called by the *Spaniards* *Mucho*, where we Anchored *Novem. 25th.* and found it to be a fruitful Island, well stored with all Necessaries, as Sheep and other Cattel; Maiz, a kind of Grain they make Bread of, Potatoes and such other Roots, besides it is plentiful of Gold, &c.

The Inhabitants are such *Indians* as by the cruelty of the *Spaniards* were driven from

from the Main. With them our General attended to Traffick, for Victuals and Water for that End, the same night we arrived, he and some others went ashore, to whom the People shewed much Respect, making a present to our General; we also presented them such things as we had, signifying that we came to Traffick and recruit ourselves with fresh Water; and they promising to furnish us with such Things as they could afford: The next Day our General repaired to the shore, and sent two of his Men, with their *Barricoes* to their Watering place Assigned. Who having past half the Way, were traiterously Slain by the People; who having likewise set an Ambush for our General and the rest of our Men, that were in the Boat, behind the Rocks, which wounded most of our Men, before they could free themselves: Our General besides had several Wounds on the Face and Head, and one passing through his Nose into the *Basis Cerebri*. But the worst of all was, we had none to cure our Men, save a Surgeons Boy, yet it pleased God they were all Cured. The cause of this barbarity of these *Islanders* was their hatred to the *Spaniards* (whom they suspected us to be.) Our General tho'

he might have revenged this with small loss, yet valuing the loss of one of his more than a hundred of theirs, he desisted, committing his cause to *God*, The Weapons this People use in their Wars are Arrows of Reeds with Heads of Stones. very brittle and indented, and Darts of a great length headed with Iron or Bone.

The same Day that this happened we departed thence, and because we were now near the appointed place of Meeting, and partly because our Men were Crazy, we set in for some convenient place in the Main, and coming to the Bay called *Phillips-Bay*, in about 32 deg. we dropt our Anchor, and sent our Boat to discover, if the place could furnish us with such things as we Needed; They after long travel could see no appearance of relief, either as to Victuals or Water, seeing nothing save huge Heads of *Wild Buffs*; but in their return, they espied an *Indian* Fishing in his *Canoe*, whom they brought aboard. Who being courteously entertained after we had shewed him what we had, and made him understand what we needed. We land him where he would; who at his landing, desired our Men to stay, till his Return, and anon met 2 or 3 of his Friend.

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to whom he shewed his Gifts; which gave
such content, that a little after, he with
their Governour and others came to us
bringing with them *Hens, Eggs, Hogs,* and
such like, and that they might remove
any Suspicion of Evil, they sent it in a
Canoe by it self, and their Governour in-
trusted himself to our Men, and came to
our General by him we understood we could
not be relieved here, but he offered to
conduct us to a Harbour not far distant to
the *Southward* where we might have all
Necessaries; which our General accepted
of; and *December 4th.* departed hence, and
next Day came to an Anchor in that Har-
bour. It is called by the *Spaniards, Val-*
perize, and the Town adjoyning *St. James*
of Chinly; it is in 35 deg. 40 min. Here we
had all Necessaries in abundance; amongst
other Things we found in the Town, divers
Store-houses of the Wines of *Chinly*, and
in the Harbour a Ship called the *Captain of*
Moriel, or the *Grand Captain* of the *South*
Admiral to the Islands of *Salomon*, laden
mostly with the said Wines, and besides,
some of fine Gold of *Baldivia*, &c. We
spent some time in refreshing ourselves and
easing this Ship of her Burthen, and *De-*
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we Departed, returning back to the Line, with our *Indian* Pilot, whom our General rewarded to his own Content, and set him ashore again where he desired.

Being thus provided, our General was for seeking after our Ships; and considering that we could not conveniently run in with our Ship to every Harbour, and that our Boat could not carry Men enough to encounter the Violence of the *Spaniards*, if we happened to meet them, we determined, as we went towards the Line to seek out some convenient Place, where we might trim our Ship and build a Pinnace.

Decemb. 19th. we entered a Bay to the Southward of the Town of *Cyppo*, Inhabited by the *Spaniards*, who sent out 300 Men, 100 of them being *Spaniards* well Mounted on Horses, the rest *Indians* running as Dogs at their Heels all Naked. But our Men seeing them made Escapes, save one *Richard Minivey*, who being too bold, would not be intreated to escape with the rest, but chose either to out-brave them or dye in the Place, which he did: His Body was by the *Spaniards* Beheaded, his Right Hand cut off, his Heart pluckt out, all which they carried away in our Sight, the rest of his Body they caused the *Indians* to Shoot full

full of Arrows made of Green Wood and left it, which we Buried next Day, Finding but bad Entertainment here we Departed, and next Day came to convenient Harbour to the *Northward* of it, in 27 deg. 55 min. *South* Lat. where we trimmed our Ship and built our Pinnace; which done our General with some of his Company went in the Pinnace in search of our Ships, but after a Days Sailing were forced to return by contrary Winds.

January 9th. we left this Place, and *January* 22 came to an Island in the same height with the *North* Cape of *Mormorena*, here we met with 4 *Indians* in their Canoes, who promised to bring us to a Place where we might Water, but when we came thither, we scarce found any. As we were searching for Water we lighted on a *Spaniard* Sleeping. who had by him 13 Bars of Silver, weighed 4000 *Spanish* Duccats which we took. Not far from hence we met with another *Spaniard* with an *Indian* Bow, driving 8 *Peruvian* Sheep bearing 2 Leather Bags. In each of which was Fifty pound weight of fine Silver, which we likewise took.

Beyond the Cape aforesaid we passed several *Indian* Towns, the People thereof came

came to us in Boats made of several Skins, of which 2 being joined together in equal length in form of a Boat, having in each of them a small Gut, or some such Thing blown full of Wind, whereby it Floateth, and is rowed very swiftly; they exchanged with us Fishes for Knives, Glasses and such like, great Rarities to them.

Not far from hence lyeth *Mormorena*, in 22 deg. 30 min. where tho' 2 *Spaniards* Governed, yet we exchanged with them for several Commodities, among other Things Sheep which were as big as a Cow, with strength proportionable; on one of their Backs at one Time 3 Men and a Boy might sit without touching the Ground by a Foot, without any Trouble, their Wool is very fine, their Flesh good, and they serve instead of Horses for Burthens. Here and toward the Province of *Cusko*, 100l. of common Earth yieldeth 25s. of pure Silver, after the Rate of a Crown an Ounce.

February 7th. we came to *Arica* in 20 deg. which stood in the fruitfullest Soil in all that Coast, it is Inhabited by the *Spaniards*. In 2 Barks here we found Forty and odd Bars of Silver, each weighing about 20 l. which we took, and so went to *Cowley*,
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February 9th. and in our Way to *Lima* we took a Bark laden with Linnen, *February* 15th. we arrived at *Lima*, and tho' the *Spaniards* had 30 Ships in the Harbour, we Anchored amongst the midst of them. *Lima* is in 12 deg. 30 min. Here we heard of a Ship that had 1500 Bars of Silver in her besides other Things, we boarded her and took what we had a Mind to. Also we had News of the Kings of *Portugal*, of *Morocco* and *Fez*, all kill'd in a Battle on one Day; also of the Death of the King of *France* and the Pope, lastly we had Notice of a rich Ship laden with Gold and Silver, bound for *Panama*, that had set Sail from this Haven. Whereupon *February* 16th. we went in pursuit of her, *February* 20th. we fell within the Port of *Paita*, in 4 deg. 40 min. with *St. Helen* and the River *Guiaquil*, *February* 24th. we past the Line 28, and *March* 1st. fell with *Francisco*, where about midday we discried a Sail, and when we had made up with her and boarded her, we found her to be the Ship we were pursuing: We found in her some Fruits, Conserves, Sugars, &c. and a great quantity of Jewels and Precious Stones, 13 Chests Ryals of of Plate, 80l. weight of Gold, 26 Tuns of uncoyned Silver, &c. Value about
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360000 Pezoes. We gave the Master a little Linnen for these Commodities, and after 6 Days Departed.

And being now come to Cape *Francisco* in 1 deg. *North* Lat. and hearing nothing of our Ships all the Way, tho' we enquired diligently, we concluded they were not before us; and considering that now was the only Time Summer approaching, for the Discovery of what Passage there was to be found about the *Northern* Parts of *America*, from the *South-Sea* into our Ocean, which our General chiefly designed, we all willingly consented to seek out a convenient Place for furnishing ourselves and trimming our Ship, in order thereto. And so we set out *March 7th.* to the Island of *Caines* at which we arrived *March 16th.* and settled in a fresh River for our purpose aforesaid. In our Journey heither we met with a Ship laden with Linnen and China Silk and Dishes, and a Faulkcon of Gold with a great Emerauld in its Breast. We departed hence *March 24th.* for our intended Discovery, and passed by the Port *Papagaia*, and divers others, and some Gulphs which continually send forth Violent Winds. And understanding that if we did not run off to Sea we should be troubled

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with Calms, our General determined to go into some Port to furnish ourselves with all Necessaries, that we might go to Sea. And accordingly *April* 15th. 1679. We entered *Guatulco*, in 15 deg. 46 min. Inhabited by the *Spaniards*, where we had Necessaries, as also a Pot as big as a Bushel full of Ryals of Plate, with a Chain of Gold and Jewels.

From thence we Departed to Sea *April* 16th. and Sailed 500 Leagues for a Wind, and untill *June* 23. 1500 Leagues in all, till we came to 42 deg. of *North* Lat. wherein the Night time we were oppressed with extreame Cold, whereby several of our Mens Health was impaired, and the Day following notwithstanding the Heat of the Sun the Cold was nothing abated, so that the Ropes of our Ships were Frozen, and the Rain which fell was a kind of Icy substance; when we came 2 deg. further it was in that Extremity that our Men could not make use of their Hands, not to Feed themselves; and our Meat was no sooner removed from the Fire but it was in a manner Frozen, whereby our Men were extreamely discouraged; yet by our Generals Persuasions, they resolved to endure a little Extremity to obtain a greater Glory.

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The Land in that Part of *America* lying nearer the *West*, than we imagined, so we were nearer it than we were aware; and the nearer it we came the Colder it was, *June 5th*. We were driven on the Shoar by contrary Winds, and cast Anchor in a Bay, where we were in Danger, by Reason of extream Flaws that beat upon us, and upon their Intermision were troubled with thick stinking Fogs.

In this Place we could not abide, by Reason of Cold, and therefore we were forced to go *Southwards* again.

From the height of 48 to 38 Coasting along the Land, we found it to be plain; every Hill (which were many but not high) though it was *June*, was covered with Snow. *June 17th*. in 38 deg. 30 min. we found a fit Harbour and Anchored therein, continuing till *July 23d*. and were still Molested with Cold. We conjectured upon several Reasons that either there is no *Northern* Passage, or at least not Navigable, for to pass by others this seems to confirm it, that tho' we searched the Coast diligently even to 48 deg. yet found we not the Land to trend so much as one Point in any Place towards the *East*, but rather running on towards the *Northwest*.

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June 18th. The Country People sent out a Man in a Cannoe to us, who directed his Discourse to us all the Way he came; and being come near us, we had had a tedious Oration, using many Motions; which ended with great shew of Reverence, he returned; and came again the 2d. Time, as also the 3d. after the same Manner, and brought with him as a present a Bunch of Feathers, artificially gathered on a String made for those who Guard the King's Person to wear on their Heads, he brought also a Basket made of Rushes, filled with an Herb, called *Tabak*. Our General proffered him several Things, but he would receive nothing save a Hat.

June 21st. Our Ship being Leaky we put into the Shoar to repair her, but to prevent all Danger, our General landed all his Men, with necessary Provisions to build Tents, and make a Fort for our Convenience. Which the Country People seeing came down in great hast, with such Arms as they had, yet with no Intent to Hurt us; their Intent being rather to Worship us as Gods. And being willing by Signs to lay from them their Bows and Arrows, they did instantly. To the Intent therefore, that this Peace which was desired

red might be more confirmed; our General treated them very courteously, bestowing upon them Shirts, Linnen, and other Things, to cover their Nakedness, withal, signifying unto them we were but Men as they were, tho' notwithstanding, we could hardly perswade them to the Contrary. They in recompence bestowed on our General and some of our Men, Feathers, Cawles, and Quivers made of *Fawns* Skins, and Skins of Beasts such as their Women wore; and so Departed with Joy to their Houses; which are digged round in the Earth, having Clefts of Wood set up and joined cloie at the Top, like our Spires, they are very Warm, but without Chimneys; Their Door is like an ordinary Scuttle in a Ship sloopewise, their Beds are on the Ground with Rushes strewed upon it; Their Men for most Part go Naked; they are of a tractable and loving Nature, their only Weapons are Bows and Arrows, with which tho' they are skillful they do but little Execution, they are so slight, being more fit for Boys then Men; they are prodigiously strong and swift. Their Women make themselves loose Garments of a kind of Bulrushes to cover their lower Parts: about their Shoulders wearing the Skin of a Deer

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and are very Obedient to their Husbands. When they were returned Home they made lamentable Cryings; which we heard about an *English* Mile.

Notwithstanding their submissive De-meanor, our General thought it best not to Trust them too much; and therefore with Expedition we set up our Tents and entrenched ourselvcs with a Stone-Wall, that so, if they proved perfidious we might be able to repel them. Two Days after a great multitude of them come to us, bringing Presents with them as before, or rather Sacrifices; Adoring us as Gods.

When they came to the top of the Hill at the bottom thereof we staid; one with strange Gestures spoke a long Oration, at the end whereof all the rest bowing their Bodies and cryed *Ho*, (as a sign of their assent) after which they came down, leaving their Women and Children with their Bows on the Hill, and presented us with curious Things after their Nature, and seemed over-joy'd that we would receive them. In the mean Time their Women fell a Crying, Screeching and tearing their Flesh from their Cheeks, casting themselves on the Ground, dashing themselves on hard Stones, or any Thing that was in their way;

way; those that were big with Child not abstaining from this Madness: Which our General seeing, fell a Praying with Hands lifted up to Heaven (shewing that God whom we Served, and they ought to Worship, was above) and Sung Psalms, and Read in the Bible: to all which they were very attentive, and took such Delight in our Singing of Psalms, that every Time they came to us they desired us to Sing.

Three Days after the greatest part of the People thereabouts assembled, with the King, attended with his Guard. Before his coming he sent 2 *Ambassadors* to signify it to us; in delivery of the Message the one spoke low the other the same Word for Word more audibly, which done our General understood by their Signs, that they desired a Present of him to their King; which he accordingly sent.

As their King was coming to us, they Sung after their manner; and as they drew near their carriage was more grave. In their front a Man bare a Scepter made of a kind of Black Wood, a Yard and a half in length before the King; whereon hanged 2 Crowns with 3 long Chains and a Bag full of the Herb *Tabak*.

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Next him that bare this Scepter was the King: On his Head was a Cawl of Knit-work, somewhat like a Crown; on his Shoulders to his Waste a Coat of Cony-skins; his guard had Coats of others: Some having Cawls with Feathers, or covered with a Down, which groweth on an Herb like *Lettice*: This Herb is not permitted to be wore by any but those that are about the King; the Seed of it is used only in Sacrifice to their Gods. After these came common People Naked, whose Hair was tied in a bunch behind, in which stuck Plumbs of Feathers, but in the fore part had but one Feather like a Horn: Every one had his Face Painted of different Colours. Their Women and Children came last, the Women had Baskets in their Arms, wherein were Bags of *Tabab* and other Presents. Their Baskets were made of Rushes, yet in such sort that most Part of them would hold Water; they were changed with Pieces of Pearl Shells, and with 2 or 3 links of Chains, signifying they were Vessels dedicated to the use of their Gods.

Our General assembled all his Men and ordered them to be in a Posture of Defence that if they attempted any Thing against us we might prevent it. When

When they came near us they gave us a general Salutation; after which he that bare the Scepter spake aloud which another whispered him in his Ear for the space of half an Hour, and was ended with a general Amen; all the rest, save the Children came down the Hill setting themselves in their former Order.

Being come near us the Scepter bearer with a stately Carriage began a Song Dancing thereto, as also did the King and the rest, save the Woman, who Danced, but did not Sing. Our General perceiving their simple meaning gave Orders that they might have free Entrance which accordingly they had, so continued their Song and Dance a pretty while, their Women following with their Baskets &c.

Afterwards they made a sign to our General to sit down, and the King with others made several Speeches, desiring him by Signs to take upon him the Kingdom, and afterwards with one consent they set the Crown upon his Head, with other Ceremonies. Honouring him by the Name of *by oh*, (that is to say) King, ending the Solemnity with Songs and Dances. These Things our General accepted of, taking them in the Name and for the use of her Majesty.

Majesty. The Ceremonies being ended, the common People left their King with our General, went among our People, and finding among such as pleased their Fancies, (which commonly were the youngest) they inclosing them round, offered Sacrifices; Crying with lamentable Shreeks Weeping, Scratching, and Tearing their Flesh, which we suppose was for Joy. But after our necessary Businessses were dispatched, our General with some of his Company went up into the Country, to be better acquainted with the Nature and Commodities it afforded. The Island we found to be of a very fruitful Soil, stored with all Things fit for Mankind, particulary fat Deer in great Numbers, &c. There were likewise strange sort of Conies, their Heads and Bodies like our Conies, but smaller; their Tails like that of a Rat, their Feet like the Paws of a Mole. On each Side their Chin they have a Bag into which they gather their Meat when their Bellies are full, to feed their young, or serve themselves another Time. Their Skins are of great account, for their Kings Holy-Days Coat is made of them. This Country our General called *Albion*, from the white Banks which lye towards the Sea.

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Before our departure thence, our General caused to be set up a Plate of Brass Nailed to a Post with her Majesty's Name, Picture, and Arms on a Six-pence, the Day and Year of our arrival, and of their resigning the Kingdom into her Majesty's Hands, as a Monument of her Majesty's Right and Title to that Kingdom.

But now the time of our departure approaching, those People, who had formerly so much Joy in our Company were now sorrowful and dejected beyond measure; their former Joy being turned into Mourning at the report of our departure.

July 23d. They took a sorrowful Farewell of us, entreating us to remember them in our absence, and to return to them. So they immediately ran up to the tops of the Hills to keep Sight of us as long as they could, making Fires on all sides.

Near this Place lye some Islands which we called the Islands of *St. James*, which furnish'd us with many *Seals* and *Birds*, &c.

Our General now considering, that the Cold encreased, the Sun being now nearer the *South*, left of his Design of finding passage through the *Northern* Parts, and therefore with consent of the rest bent his Course for the *Moluccaes*, and Sailed with-

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without sight of Land for 6 Days Space, and Sept. 30 came to some Islands, lying in deg. *North Lat.* As soon as we were perceived, a great number of Canoes came towards us, bringing with them *Coque's Fish*, *potatoes* &c.

Their Canoes, as most of the *Moluccaes* are, are made of a Tree hallowed with great Art, very Smooth, their *Prow* and *Starn* where of one Fashion, yeilding inward very high, and hanged full of glistering Shells; on each side their Canoes lay out 2 pieces of Timber, to keep them from overwhelming.

The People have the hind part of their Ears Cut round, which hangs down on their Cheeks, the Nails on some of their Fingers were an Inch long, and their Teeth black as Pitch, the Colour with which they use to renew them with is a certain Powder. The first Company of those Canoes, began to Traffick with us peaceably, entreating us to go nearer the Shore, that they might the easier prey upon us: But these passing away, others came that discovered their Natures, for when they got any thing in their Hands, they would neither give recompence nor restore it again; and being rejected for their base way of dealing, they

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began to resent it, throwing Stones at which they had brought on purpose; whereupon we caus'd to let fly a great Gun, at the noise of which, they frightned leapt out of their Canoes into the Water; and diving under the Keel of their Boat stay there till we were gone a good way from them, and then recovered their their Canoes, so made the best way to Land. Notwithstanding this we were afterwards troubled with others of the same Gang, and could not get rid of them till we made them Smart. So we left this this Island *October* 28th. naming it the Island of *Thieves*, and *October* 16th. fell with 4 Islands in 7 degrees 5 min. North Lat. *October* 21st. we Anchored at the biggest of them called *Madanao*. *October* 25th. we passed by the Island *Talao*, and to the Northward of saw 3 Islands, *Teda*, *Selan*, *Saron*; and *November* 1st. we passed the Isle *Snaro* in 1 degree 30 min. and *Nov.* 3. came in Sight of the *Maluccaes*. They are 4 high picked Islands very fruitful, yielding abundance of Cloves. East from them lyes a great Island called *Gellola*. We intended to go to *Tedore*, but coasting an Island of the King of *Terenat* his Deputy came off to us who entreated our General to stay at *Terenat*, for that his

King would be glad of his Company and would assist him to his utmost Power; whereas if he went to *Tidore* (which was inhabited by *Portugals*) he would find them Deceitful, and besides then his King would not receive him, as being at Enmity with them; Hereupon our General next Morning came to an Anchor there, and sent a Messenger to the King, with a Velvet Cloak for a Present: Signifying to him that he desired to be supplied with Necessaries, for which he would give him other Goods, and likewise that it was by perswasion of his Viceroy that he came thither. But before this the Viceroy had spoke to the King on our behalf, shewing how beneficial an Alliance with us would be to him, and how discouraging to his Enemies. Whereupon the King immediately sent the *Viceroy* with others of his Nobles to our Gen. to shew him that he was ready to do any thing for us that lay in his Power upon our Princess account; and that he would shortly Visit us in our Ship. By that time they came to us, our Messengers were at Court, who were Honourably conducted to the King, and most Graciously by him Entertained. Whereupon the Prince hastened his before promised Visit; the manner of his coming

was thus: First, he sent before 3 great Canoes wherein were some of his Nobles of all Ages, attired all in white Lawn Cloth of *Calecuta*, but with some difference their Canoes covered from one end to t'other with fine *Mats*, bore up by Frame of *Reeds*.

The rest were Soldiers standing orderly on both Sides without whom were the Rowers, in 3 Galleries on each side lying of the 3 or 4 Yards, one built lower than the other, in each of which Galleries alike Number of Planks, that the Rowers set upon: On the fore-part of each Canoe set Men, one holding a *Tabret* the other Piece of *Brass*, who striking therewith by the Sound directed the Rowers to keep their Strokes, and the Rowers ending their Strokes with a Song gave warning to the others to strike again. They had in each Canoe one small Piece; besides, every Man had had his *Sword*, *Dagger*, and *Targe*, &c. These Canoes coming near our Ship rowed round us one after another, and the Men as they passed did us Homage: afterwards putting our Messenger aboard, they told us that their King had sent them before him to conduct our Ship into a better Road.

Not long after the King came up with 6
Feathers stuck upon his Head, and
made Obeysance to us in humble Manner.
He was of a tall Stature, Corpulent, of a
sincely Countenance, his Respect among
his Subjects was very great, none of his
Councillors daring to speak to him but on
their Knees.

We received him in best sort we could,
by discharging of Ordnance, and great
store of small Shot, sounding of Trumpets
and other Instruments of Musick, where-
with the King was extreemly Delighted;
besides, our General gave him some Pre-
sents. His Brother likewise made a Visit,
and was also courteously Entertained by
our General. The King when we came to
Anchor departed, promising to come on
board next Day, and in the mean Time to
send us Necessaries. Which the same Night
and next Morning we had by way of Traf-
fick, as *Hens, Rice, Sugar-Canes, Liquid, Su-
gar*, a Fruit they called *Fico*, the same
which the *Portugals* name *Plantanes, Coccoes*,
and a kind of Meal they call *Sago*, made of
the tops of Trees, tasting like *Sour Curds*,
but melting like *Sugar*. The Inhabitants
make a kind of Cake thereof which will

keep good Ten Years; we had also some *Cloves*. Our General having all Things provided, expected the King at the Time appointed; who came not, but sent his Brother with his Apology, entreating our General to come Ashoar, and that his Brother in the mean while should remain A-board as a Pledge for his safety; but the Company would by no means permit him; especially that his Brother had dropt some Words Aboard which gave Suspicion of an ill Intent. Our General therefore in his stead sent some of his Gentlemen with the King's Brother to Court; detaining the Viceroy for a Pledge. They being come near the Castle were received by another of the King's Brothers and Persons of Quality; And was honourably conducted in, where being brought into a stately House, a great Multitude was there, the greatest Persons being placed round the House according to their Degrees, the rest remaining without.

The House was four square covered with Cloth of divers Colours, born up on a Frame of *Reeds*, the Sides being open and Furnished with Seats round; this is seems was their Council-house. At the Side of this House next the Castle was seated the
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air of State with a large Canopy over
The Ground also for 10 or 12 Paces
and it was covered with Cloth of *Arras*.
here were seated 60 Ancient Noblemen,
the King's Council; At the nether end
the House, were a great Company of
young Men in good attire, without on the
right side of the House were 4 old Men at-
tired in long red Garments, their Heads
after the *Turkish* Fashion, who lived as
lodgers there to keep continual Traffick
with this People, with several others of
foreign Nations.

The King at last coming attended by 8
10 Grave *Senators*, had a Rich Canopy
bore over him guarded with 12 Lances;
the Points downwards; our Men with his
brother met him and were graciously En-
tertained.

The King's attire was very Sumptuous;
from Waist downwards was all rich Cloth
of Gold, his Legs bare, on his Feet Shoes
of Cordivant dyed Red; on his Cap were
several Rings of Plated Gold, an Inch and a
half broad, a great Chain of Gold about
his Neck; on his left Hand was a Dia-
mond, an Emerald, a Ruby and Turkey;
on his right Hand Rings set with rich
stones.

As he sat in his Chair of State, a Page stood by him with a Fan richly Embroidered with *Sapphires*. Our Gentlemen having delivered their Message, and received Answer were safely conducted back again.

The Castle was of no Strength, there being only 2 Cannons there, and those unmounted, which were left by the *Portugals*, by whom the Castle was first Built: who by their Tyrany exercised both on their King and People which they did, to confirm themselves so incensed the People that they were forced to leave it with their Furniture in it.

The People are *Moors*, very Superstitious in Observations of new Moons and Fastings, for on these Days the Viceroy when Aboard of us, would neither Eat nor Drink in the Day tho' in the Night he Eat very largely.

While we stayed here a goodly Gentleman of a discreet Behaviour came Aboard to view our Ship, and discourse our Captain. He was Born in the Province of *Baghea* in *China*; whose Predecessors had Reigned there 200 Years. The Cause of his coming from Home; was that being accused of Treason, tho' Innocent, yet could not make it appear, and knowing the strictness of the Law, he Petitioned the King that

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e would please to commit his Trial to
 God's Providence, and permit him to Tra-
 vel, with condition that if he brought not
 home some considerable Intelligence the
 King had never before heard of he should
 dye; the King granted his Sute, and he
 had now been three Years at *Tidore*. He
 earnestly entreated our General to de-
 clare unto him such if he could, and like-
 wise all Occurrences happening in his long
 and dangerous Voyage; wherein our Ge-
 neral satisfied him, he likewise informing
 our General of all Things worth Notice in
 their Country, withal intreating him to
 go along with him to *China*, but our Gene-
 ral would not agree thereto.

October 9th. We set Sail thence, and con-
 sidering our Ship wanted Repairing, we de-
 termined to seek for a convenient Place for
 that Purpose, and Nov. 14th. we arrived
 at an Island South of *Selebes*, in 1 deg. 40
 min. South Lat. which Place being unin-
 habited we thought it convenient for our
 Purpose; and so we Anchored, and in dis-
 patching our Business spent 26 Days.

The whole Island is overgrown with
 Wood, the Trees are large, high and
 straight, the Leaves whereof are like our
 Broom, among these Trees were a Multi-
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of Worms no bigger than *Fries*, which by Night did cast great Light, there was also a great number of *Bats*, of the bigness of a *Hen*, which fly wonderful swift, but their flight is but short, and when they light they hang by the Boughs with their Backs downwards. There was here likewise a kind of *Gray Fish*, of such size as one would satisfy 4 Men, being very wholesome Food. They do not live in the Sea, but dig themselves Caves under the Roots of Trees, lodging by Companies; when we came to take them they climbed up Trees to hide themselves. This Island we called *Crab Island*, Dec. 12th We put to Sea, and on the 16th had sight of *Celebes* or *Sillebis*, but having had a bad Wind, and being intangled with Islands, and other difficulties, we could not recover the *North* of *Sillebis*, or continue our Course further *West*. But were necessitated to steer *Southward*, finding that Course very dangerous by reason of the many Shoals, and Jan. 9th when we thought we were past all danger, and had a prosperous Gale of Wind, of a sudden, when we were sailing with full Sail in the beginning of the first Night Watch, our Ship was laid fast on a desperate Shoal, where we expected nothing but

at present DEATH, notwithstanding having first recommended our selves to God in PRAYER, We endeavoured to use the means, and in the first Place plying our pumps we found the leak nothing encreased which was some, tho' small Encouragement to us, Our next *ESSAY* was for good ground and Anchor-hold, to Seaward of it, whereon to hale, by which Means if any, Our General told us, there was some hope left, but when we sounded, we found that even a Boats length from the ship we could not find Ground, so that our hopes quite vanished. and nothing but present DEATH, or at least a lingring *Death* was before us. In those Fears and Perplexities we spent this Night; next Morning we tryed if we could now find any Anchor-hold, but this succeeded no better than the former. But it pleased God Miraculously to deliver us so that we got clear of it.

This Shoal is 3024 Leagues in Length, and lyes in 1 deg. betwixt 56 and 57 min. *South Lat.* This was the greatest danger we met with in our whole Voyage, yet we were tossed with several Storms, for three Weeks after, Jan 12th being not able to bear Sail, we dropt our Anchors upon a Shoal

Shoal in 3 deg. 30 min. Jan. 14. We again Anchored at an Island in 4 deg. 6 min. South Lat. After this we had foul Weather, so that we were weary of the Coast of *Celebes*. The farthest Cape of *Celebes* is in 5 deg. South Lat. Jan. 20th We were forced with a small Island not far thence, and sought for a place where we might Anchor when suddenly a Storm arose out of the Southwest, whereby we were in fear of being Cast away on a Lee-shore, and certainly had, if the Merciful goodness of GOD had not wrought our delivery. Having escaped this danger, we continued our Course, till the 26th Day, when the Winds arising, we could bear no Sail, till Feb. 1st. At which time we saw very high Land, and would willingly have got in there but the Weather was so bad Feb. 3d. We saw a little Island but could not fetch it. Feb 6th We saw five Islands one to the East, and four to the West, of us, at the biggest of which we Anchored and Watered. Feb. 8th. we departed thence, and discovered two Canoes who having seen us before came willingly to us conducting us to their Town, not far off named *Baratina*, it is in 7 deg. 13 min. South Lat.

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The People are GENTILES of handsome Body, comly *Stature*, civil *Demeaner*, just in *Dealing*, and courteous to *Strangers*, The Men go Naked save their Heads and Secret Parts, having Pendulues at their Ears, Their Women are covered from the Middle to the Foot, wearing *Bracelets* upon their *Arms* for most part *Horn* or *Brass*, each at least weighing 2 Ounces, With this People Linnen-Cloth is the best Merchantdize, as also Margareta's and such other Things.

Their Island is rich and fruitful, abounding in *Gold*, *Silver*, *Tin*, *Sulpher*, &c. Fruits are likewise plentiful as *Nutmegs*, *Ginger*, *long Pepper*, &c. Here we spent 2 Days, and departed *February* 10th in 8 deg. 4 min. *February* 12th we espyed a Green Land to the *Southward*, and a little after 2 Islands on the same side and one on the *North* all which we passed: *February* 14th we saw other big Islands; and *February* 15th past between 4 or 5 big Islands in 9 deg. 40 min. *February* 22 we lost Sight of some Islands on our Star-board-side. After this we Steered *Westward*, seeing nothing considerable, till *March* 9th in the Morning we espyed Land, some part thereof very high, in 8 deg. 20 min. and bearing farther *North*, *March* 10th

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we Anchored; and first took in Water, afterwards sent our Boat ashore and Trafficked with the People of the Country, and next Day brought our Ship nearer the Town, our General sent *Linnen* and *Woollen Cloth*, and some *Silks* as a Present for the King, in requital whereof he returned *Rice*, *Cocoës*, *Hens*, and other Viſtuals. This Island we found to be *Java*, the middle whereof is in 7 deg. 30 min. *South* Latt. *March* 13th our General with others went ashore, and complementing the King with his Musick, shewing him the manner of exercising *Arms* we were courteously received and dismissed with Promise of more Supplies.

In this Island there is one chief but many under Governors whom they call *Raias* who live in great Love. *March* 14th we received Viſtuals from 2 of them, and on the 15th Three of these PettyKings visited our General, who were highly satisfied with what they saw, and with our Entertainment and on their return related what they saw to *Raia Donan* the chief King, who next Day came Aboard us, bringing Viſtuals with him for our Relief. Few Days past but one or more of these Kings visited us, so that we were acquainted with most of them

them; and our General always Entertained them to the utmost of his Power, especially with our Musick, wherewith they were extreemly Delighted. The People of this Place, as also their Princes, are a loving and just Dealing People, which we found in our Trafficking with them.

Taking our leaves of them, *March* 26th we set our Course *W.S.W.* directly towards the Cape of *Good Hope*, and *May* 21. we espied a part of the Main of *Africa*. We coasted along till *June* 15th and past the Cape within Shot of it. *July* 15th we fell with Land again about *Rio de Sesto*. *July* 22. we came to *Sierra Leona*, and Watered in the Mouth of *Tagoin*, and put to Sea again; here we had *Oysters* and plenty of *Lemons*, *August* 15th we were under the *Tropick* of *Cancer*, having the Wind at *N.E.* and were 20 Leagues of Land. *August* 22d. we were in the height of the *Canaries*. And *Sept.* 26th it pleased God we safely Arrived at *Plymouth*, after we had spent 2 Years 10 Months and odd Days in seeing the Wonders of the Lord in the Deeps, in discovering such Admirable Things, and escaping so many Dangers and Difficulties in our encompassing the World.



Sir Francis Drake's

West-Indian VOYAGE.

Wherein were taken the Towns
of St. JAGO, St. DOMINGO, CAR-
TAGENA and St. AUGUSTIN. &c.

CAPTAIN DRAKE, having pre-
pared his Fleet, being 25 Ships and
Pinnaces, and assembled of Soldiers
and Marriners, 2300 embark at Plymouth,
Sept, 12th. 1585. These after mentioned
bearing Charge, Mr. Christ. Carleil, Lieut.
Gen. Anth. Powel Serj. Major. Capt. Mat.
Morgan and Capt. Jo. Sampson, Corporals
of the Feild, These were over the Land
Captains, whose Names follow Capt. Anth.
Plat, Capt. Edw. Winter, Capt. Jo. Goring,
Capt. Rob. Pew, Capt. Geo. Barton, Capt.
Jo. Merchant, Capt. Will. Cecill, Capt. Wal.
Biggs, Capt. Jo. Hannam, Capt. Rich. Stanton,
Capt.

Capt. *Mart. Forbusker*, Vice-Admiral in the *Primrose*. Capt. *Fran. Knollis*, Reer-Admiral in the *Gallion*, *Leicester*, Mr. *Tho Vernon*, Capt. in the *Elizabeth*, *Bonadventure*, under the Generals; Mr. *Edw. Winter*, Capt in the *Ayde*, Mr. *Christ. Carleil*, Lieut. Gen. Capt. in the *Tyger*, *Henry White*, Capt. of the *Sea-Dragon*; *Tho Drake* Capt. of the *Thomas*; *Tho. Seelie*, Captain of the *Minion*; ——— *Raily*, Capt. of the *Bark Talbot*; *Rob. Cross* Capt. *Bark Bond*; *Geo. Fortescue*, Capt. of the *Bark Bonner*; *Edw. Carless*, Capt. of the *Hope*, *Jo. Erizo*, Capt. of the *White Lyon*; *Tho. Mosn* Capt. of the *Francis*, *Jo Rivers*, Capt of the *Vantage*; *Jo Vaughan*, Capt of the *Drake*; *Jo. Verney*, Capt of the *George*, *Jo Martin*, Capt. of the *Benjamin*. *Edw. Gillman*, Capt. of the *Skout*, *Rich. Hawkins*, Capt. of the *Galiot*, called the *Duck*, and ——— *Bitfield*, Capt. of the *Swallow*.

We departed the 14th Sept. and being on that part of the Coast of Spain, called the the *Moors*, we espied some Ships; The General sent the Vice-Admiral, to see what they were: which They found to be *Frenchmen*, bound homewards, with *Salt*, on sight thereof deserted most of their Ships; and our General having a Fancy for one of them, called the *Drake*, took her

her along with him, but Paid for her at his return: The rest were dismissed.

Afterwards putting off to Sea we met with more *French* Ships, returning with *Newfoundland* Fish, whom our General after Speech with them dismissed, without doing them any hurt. The next Day we discried another Ship of 240 Tuns, and Mr. *Carleil* Lieutenant General took her; the Admiral coming up, the Master and principal Men of her were examined apart, and she was found to belong to *Spain*, tho' most of the Seamen belonged to *St. John de Luce*; this Ship was laden with *Newfoundland* Fish, (we call it *Poor John*) which was distributed amongst our Ships.

Two Days after we put in at the Isles of *Bayon*, the Winds crossing us, and Anchored. But the General ordered all the Pinaces and Ship Boats to be manned, and every Man to be furnished with fit Arms; which done the General went into his Galley, Rowing towards the City of *Bayon* with intent to surprize it; but we were met by an *English* Merchant, sent from the Governor to discover us, after our General had spoke with him, he sent Capt. *Sampson* with him to the Governor, desiring to be resolved of 2 Points: To wit, whether there were

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Wars between *Spain* and *England*? And why our Merchants were Arrested. Our General with Advice of the Lieutenant General purposed to get as near the City as they could, that upon Capt. *Sampsons* return, if need were, they might make a sudden attempt before it were dark.

Capt. *Sampson* returned with Answer, that the Governor said he knew of no Wars; And as for the stay of the Merchants, that it was the Kings Pleasure, but with no intent to injure them, and that afterwards by the Kings Order they were discharged, for confirmation of which he sent such Merchants of our own Nation as were in Town. Upon which it was ordered, that Night to Land our Force. The Governor sent us some Refreshment. About midnight a Storm arising, we went Aboard, and before we reached our Fleet, several of our Ships were driven from their Anchors and Holds, of which one was driven back to *England*, but all the rest came up to us again. The Storm lasted 3 Days, which being over our Lieutenant General was sent with his and 3 other Ships to *Vigo*, where he took many Boats, and some Carvels laden with Things of small Value, mostly Household Stuff, and among the rest he found

found one Boat laden with the Principal Church Stuff of the High-Church of *Vigo*, where also was their great Cross of Silver, of embossed Work, double Gilt all over. All we had in this Place amounted to 30000 Duckets. The next Day the whole Fleet went up to a Harbour above *Vigo*, where the Lieutenant General stayed our coming. In the mean time the Governor of *Galisia* had raised 2000 Foot, and 300 Horse, and marched from *Bayon* to this Place and sent to parly with our General, which was granted: at their meeting it was agreed, that we should have Water and other Necessaries paying for the same.

Afterwards we departed for the *Canaries*, and fell with *Palma*, on purpose to have landed there, but by Reason of the many Guns that were planted at that Place, and other Inconveniences we were forced to alter our Resolution, and determined to land in the Isles of *Ferro*; and when we had landed 1000 Men there, and stayed 2 Days the Inhabitants accompanied with an *English* Man, came to us, declaring their State to be so poor, that they were ready to Starve; which was not untrue, and therefore that Night we put to Sea again.

Novem. 13th we fell with Cape *Blanche*,
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and put into the Bay, where were some *French Men of War*, whom we Entertained courteously, and afterwards departed to the Isles of *Cape Verde*, and *November 16th* we saw the Island of *St. Jago*, and landed 1000 Men under the leading of the Lieutenant General; who kept us marching till we came to a convenient Plain; and when we were all gathered there, he thought it best to make no attempt till Day; after we had taken a little rest, he divided the *Army* in three Parts. By that Time we were well ranged, day light appeared, and having advanced hard by the *Wall* and seeing no Enemy to resist, the Lieutenant General ordered Capt. *Sampson*, and Capt. *Barton* with 30 Shot a Piece to enter the Town, which stood in the *Valley* under us, and after them was sent *St. George's Cross*, to be placed towards the Sea, to give Advertisement to our Fleet; and that Day, *Novem. 17th* all the great Ordnance about the Town, being above 50 Pieces was Shot off in Honour of our Queens Coronation Day. In the mean while the Lieutenant General stayed upon the Hill with most of his Forces till the Town was quartered out for Lodging the *Army*; which done every Capt. took his own Quarter, and in the

the Evening kept sufficient Guard to prevent Danger. Here we stayed 14 Days taking such Spoils as the Place afforded, but found no Treasure.

The situation of *St. Jago* is in Form like to a Triangle, having on the *East* and *West* Sides 2 Rocky Mountains, on the Top of which were built some Fortifications; on the *South* Side is the main Sea, and on the *North* a Valley between the aforesaid Mountains, the Valley and Town grow very narrow between the 2 Cliffs. In the midst of the Valley cometh down a Brook of fresh Water which hard by the Sea maketh a Pond very convenient for Watering. The Valley at the Towns end is wholly converted into *Gardens* and *Orchards*, wherein are divers sorts of Herbs, Fruits and Trees among which are the *Cocoas* and *Plantains*. The *Cocoas* have a hard Shell and Green Husk over it, bigger than a Mans 2 Fists, of the Shell drinking Cups are made, within this Shell is a white Rhine resembling the white of an Egg, when it is hard boiled, and within that a Water whitish and clear, about half a Pint, which are very cool, and as some say restorative. The *Plantain* groweth in Cods like to *Beans*, but bigger, and when it is ripe the Meat of it becometh

becometh Yellow, and is very Pleasant. While we abode here a *Portugal* came hither with a *Flag of Truce*; to whom Capt. *Sampson* and *Goring* were sent; as they came to him, he asked of what Nation they were, and being told, he asked if there were Wars between *England* and *Spain*, they answered our General could best satisfie him in that, and proffered him safe conduct if he would go to him; but he refused, pretending he was not sent by his Governor, then they told him that if his Governor would consult his own, or his Countries Good, his best course were to present himself to our General, *Sir Francis Drake*, whereby he might assuredly find Favour, otherwise within 3 Days we would march over the Land, and Prosecute them with Fire and Sword.

Novem. 24th the Lieutenant General with 600 Men marched to *Sancto Domingo*, a Village 12 Miles within the Land, where the Governor, Bishop, and better sort lodged but found it abandoned.

After we had stayed awhile, we marched homewards; as we were on our way, we saw the Enemy both Horse and Foot, tho' not of such Force as to encounter us.

Novem.

Novem. 16th Our General ordered the Army to be embarked into their Ships, and Capt. *Goring*, and Lieutenant *Tucker*, with 100 Foot were ordered to make a Stand in the Market-place, till our Forces were all embarked, the Vice-Admiral waiting to take them Aboard. And also, our General ordered Capt. *Sampson* with a Party to seek out such Ammunition as was hidden in the Ground at the Town of *Praie*, having been promised to be shewed it by a Prisoner taken the Day before. When they came thither the Prisoner failed of his Promise; but they searching all suspected Places, found a Piece of Iron Ordnance, and another of Brais. In the Afternoon our General Anchored the Fleet before *Praie*, and went ashore, and caused us to Burn the Town and to embarke the same Night, and put off to Sea.

Before our departure from *St. Jago*, the General administred the Oath of Supremacy to the Soldiers, as also, an Oath for every Man to do his utmost for the Service of the Action, and to obey the Orders of the General and his Officers.

All the time of our being here none of the *Spaniards* came near us: The cause of which we conjecture, was the fresh Remembrance

Injuries they had done some of our countrymen, by reason whereof we left tokens of our discontent.

From hence we put over to the *West-Indies*, and in our way were afflicted with a grievous distemper, whereof above 300 died in a few Days: This Sickness seized our People, with extream heat and burning Ague; and those that escaped, suffered great diminution in their Strength and Wits. In 18 Days space we had Sight of the Island of *Dominica*, which is Inhabited by a *Savage* People who go all Naked, their skin is coloured with Paint of a reddish downey; personable and strong Men, they admit little converse with the *Spaniards*; yet they used us very kindly, helping us with Necessaries; and brought us store of *Tobacco*, as also a kind of *Bread*, called *Cassado*, very white and Savory, made of the roots of *Cassania*, for which we gave them *Classe*, coloured *Beads*, &c.

From hence we went to the *Westwards* of *St. Christophers* Island, where we spent some Days of *Christmas*, but could see no Inhabitants. Here it was unanimously resolved to proceed to *Hispaniola*. And by the way we met a small Frigot, bound thither, which we took and having examined the Men,

one of them informed us, that it was a barren Haven, and the Land was fortified with a Castle so that we could not Land within 10 Miles of the City; to which Place he promised to conduct us.

Hereupon we went on all this Night in our Voyage, and the General put himself into the Bark *Francis* as Admiral, and in the Morning, we came to the aforesaid Place; 10 Miles *Westward* of *Domingo*. When we were landed our General returned to his Fleet. committing the Charge of it to the Lieutenant General; we marched at 8 of the Clock, and at Noon we approached the Town, where those of the better sort, about 150 Horse, presented themselves out; we so played upon them with our small Shot, that they soon retreated, so that we had leave to proceed towards the 2 Gates of the Town that were next the Sea. They had manned them both, and planted their Ordnance, and also some Troops of small Shot in Ambuscado by the Road side. We divided our whole Force, being 1200, to Attack both the Gates.

Their Ordnance was no sooner discharged on us, doing but small Execution, but our Lieutenant General advanced with all Speed, to prevent their re-charging, and notwithstanding

standing their Ambuscadoes, we quickly entered the Gates, and forthwith repaired to a Spacious Square before the great Church whither also came Capt. *Powel* with the other Party. This Place we fortified and stayed here all Day. After midnight they that were in the Castle hearing us at the Gates, forsook it, some Flying others taken Prisoners.

Next Day we quartered through the Town, and kept this Town a Month. One Day as we stayed here, the General sent Message to the *Spaniards* a *Negro* Boy with a Flag of White; this Boy meeting unhappily with some *Spaniards*, they struck him through the Body with one of the *Horsmen* Staves; the Boy notwithstanding returned to our General, after he had declared it to him, died forthwith in his Presence. Whereat our General was so incensed, that he caused two *Fryars*, than Prisoners to be led out to the same Place and Hanged. And also dispatched a Messenger to the *Spaniards*, declaring, that unless the Party who had killed the Boy were delivered up, every Day 2 Prisoners should be Hanged so long as any were left; Whereupon the Day following, he was brought to the Towns end to be delivered up, but our General or-

dered them to dispatch him ; which they did.

During our abode here many Treaties past between them and us for Ransom of their City, but upon disagreement, all the Morning we fired the outmost Houses, which was hard to perform they being strong Stone Houses ; and tho' for 14 Days 20 Marri-ners spent the whole Forenoon in firing Houses, yet not one third part of the Town was consumed, so that in the end being weary of this, we were content to accept of 25000 Duckats 5s. 6d. per Duckat) as a Ransom for the rest of the Town. I cannot omit the Relation of the *Spanish* King : As we entered his House there, over against us spied a large *Escocheon*, the Kings Arms ; in the lower part thereof it discried the Globe of the Earth, and a Horse standing, his hinder part within the Globe, and his forepart without, lifting as it were to leap, with this Motto : *Non sufficit Orbis*, that is to say, The World is not enough. Which some of the wiser *Spaniards*, when they were treating with us, were even ashamed of. Now tho' this is naturally a rich Place, yet we had no Treasure here. The Reason is, because the *Indians* were long ago consumed by the *Spaniards* Tyran-ny

ny, and for lack of People to Work, the *Gold* and *Silver* Mines are quite given over, instead thereof using *Copper*. Their chief Trade consisteth of *Sugar*, *Ginger*, and *Hides* of *Oxen* and *Kine*, bred here in infinite Numbers and of vast Bigness. Here also we had plenty of strong *Wine*, sweet *Oyl*, *Vinegar*, *Olives*, excellent *Wheat-Meal* packed up in *Wine-Pipes*, *Woollen* and *Linnen Cloth*, *Silks*, &c. All which were brought out of *Spain*, we found but little Plate, because they use much *China-wares*.

Hence we put over to the Main Land, and came in Sight of *Carthagera*, standing hard by the Sea. The Harbour Mouth lyes 3 Miles *Westward* from the Town, which we entered about 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon. In the Evening we landed near the Harbour Mouth, under the leading of our Lieutenant General, and afterwards about Midnight marched forwards easily, keeping close by the Sea side. But as we came within 2 Miles of the Town, their Horsemen met us, and taking the Alarm, retired upon the first Volley of our Shot.

At this Time we heard some Pieces of Artillery discharged, with small Shot toward the Harbour, whereby we understood that according to our Generals Order the

Night before, the Vice Admiral, with Capt *Vennar*, and *White*, and *Cross*, &c. with Boats and Pinnaces did attack the little Fort on the entry of the inner Haven, though to small purpose. In which attempt the Vice Admiral had the Rudder of his Skiff Shot through.

The Troops being now in their March half a Mile this side the Town, the Ground grew streight having the main Sea on one side, and the Harbour on the other, this streight was fortified with a Stone Wall and Ditch. There was only so much unwalled as might serve for Passage, and that was well Barricaded. This Wall had 6 great Pieces planted on it, which Shot directly in our Front. On the inner side of the streight they had brought 2 Gallies to the Shore, wherein they placed 11 Pieces of Ordnance and 400 small Shot, which flank-ed our coming on, and on the Land side in the Guard only of this Place 300 Shot and Pikes. They discharged many Shot both great and small, but our Lieutenant General approached by the lowest Ground so that most of their Shot was in vain; he also forbid us to Shoot till we were come to the Wall side. The first Place we came to was the Barricado's, where we discharging our Shot

Shot just on our Enemies Faces, and joyin-
ed with them, and made them quickly re-
tire; our Lieutenaet General slew the chief
Ensign bearer of the *Spaniards*. We fol-
lowed them into the Town, and won the
Market Place. At every Street end they
had made Barricado's, but we quickly took
them with small los. They had set *Indi-*
ans in several Corners with Poisoned Ar-
rows; they had also stuck small Sticks
sharply Pointed, and Poisoned, in the ground
in our Way; but we coming close by the
shore shunned most of them.

We stayed here 6 Weeks, and the Sick-
ness afore said still continued: Few escaping.
and those that did escape, scarce ever re-
covered their Strength, or their Wits, so
that when any spoke foolishly it is usual to
say he had been Sick of a *Calenture*: (The
cause of it was supposed to be the Evening
Air they term it *Lasarena*) which they say
produces this Distemper to any then Aboard
who is not a *Native*. By reason hereof
we gave over this Design and Sail'd for
Nombre de Dios and *Panama*, where all the
Treasure was, and thought of returning
Home.

While we were here, one Day our Watch
espied 2 small Barks at Sea making towards
the

the Harbour; Whereupon Capt. *Moon* and *Verney* with others embarked themselves in 2 Pinnaces; that they might take them before they knew of our being there; but they having Notice of it ran themselves ashore, and the Men hid themselves in Bushes: Our Men immediately boarded them and were suddenly Shot at by the *Spaniards* out of the Bushes; whereby Capt. *Verney* died presently, and Capt. *Moon* died of his Wounds some Days after; and so we returned disappointed, having had but few Men, far Inferior to them in Number.

In this time divers Courtesies past between the *Spaniards* and us, and among others, the Governour and Bishop of *Cathagena* with others came to Visit our General. We began to fire this City as we had done others; but at last they ransomed it for 110000 Duckats. a far greater Ransom than *Domingo*, because it was a Place of greater Traffick (whereas the other is chiefly inhabited by Lawyers and Gentlemen, being the chiefeft Court of Judicature of the Islands about it.) yet having warning of our coming they had carried away their Treasure and Principal Substance. The Ransom aforesaid being only mentioned for the Town on Payment thereof we left it, and drew

new part of our Soldiers into the Abby a
 quarter of a Mile below the Town, on the
 Harbour whereupon they offered us a Ran-
 som for the Abby and the Castle on the
 Mouth of the Harbour; and when we asked
 like for both, they proffered us a 1000
 crowns for the Abby, and to dispose of the
 Castle as we pleased; and therefore we de-
 livered them the Abby, and blew up the
 Castle, and so departed to our Ships, which
 in the mean while were making all Prepara-
 tions for their Voyage. This Island is very
 fruitful, bearing many pleasant Fruits; it
 is but 2 or 3 Miles about. After 6 Weeks
 stay here we put to Sea, and 2 or 3 Days af-
 ter our Ship we had taken at *St. Domingo*,
 fell into a great Leak, and lost Company of
 us, but next Morning our General missing
 her tack'd about, and at last found her in
 great distress: Whereupon we returned to
Carthagena, where she was unladed, and her
 Goods and Men disposed into other Ships:
 After which we departed, and arrived at
 Cape *St. Anthony*, and finding no Water
 there, we put to Sea, but were forced to
 return; and then our scarcity of Water be-
 ing greater we were more diligent in seek-
 ing after it, and had it in abundance. In
 taking in of which our General wrought as
 hard:

hard as the meanest of his Company, to unspeakable Praise. After 3 Days we parted, and touched no where, but coasted along *Florida*, and *May* 28th. we saw a Place, on the shore built like a Beacon 30 deg. we manned our Pinnaces, and went ashore and marched up the River side, what the Place the Enemy held, our General marched with the Companies, the Lieutenant General led the Vanguard, and when we had gone a Mile, we saw a Fort on the other side the River built by the *Spaniards* and a little Town without Walls 3 Miles above it. We prepared Ordnance for the Battery, and about Evening our Lieutenant General Shot of a Piece, which struck through their Ensign. In the Night the Lieutenant General took a little Rowing Skiff, and 12 Men well Armed, as *Captain Morgan*, *Sampson* and others, to view what Guard the Enemy kept; the Enemy seeing him come, took the Alarm, and being fearful, that all our Force was coming: abandoned the Place when they had Shot off some Pieces, whereof a *French* Man a Prisoner informed us, thereupon our General and Lieutenant General with some Soldiers put over to the Fort, in our approaching some that staid behind Shot of 2 Pieces

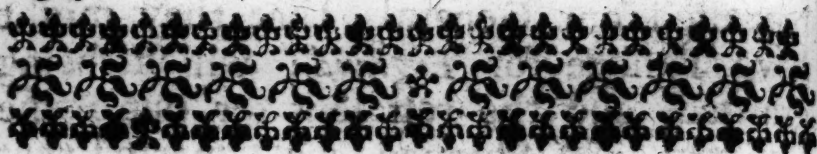
et we entred finding no Man there, we
 found here 14 great Pieces of Brass Ord-
 nance, and of Money to the Value of 2000l.
 Next Day we essayed to go to the Town,
 but could not by Reason of Rivers and bro-
 ken Ground, and therefore we forced to go
 up the River in our Pinnaces. When we
 approached the Land, they discharged some
 Shot on us, and presently withdrew. And
 the Serjeant Major finding one of their
 Horses ready Mounted, and followed the
 Chaise, and out-running his Company he
 was Shot through the Head, and afterwards
 Stabbed in several Parts of his Body by o-
 thers to our great Grief. this Place, cal-
 led St. *Augustin*, the King kept 150 Soldi-
 ers and at St. *Helena*, 12 Miles Northward
 the same Number to keep other Nations
 from Inhabiting any part of that Coast.
 Here it was resolved to assault St. *Helena*,
 and then to seek out our Countrymen in
Virginia, in their Plantation distant thence
 6 deg. Northwards. But when we came by
 St. *Helena* the Shoals appearing danger-
 ous, and we having no Pilot that would
 undertake to guide us, durst not hazard
 in, but coasted along, and June 9th on
 Sight of a great Fire, the General sent
 his Skiff to the Shore, where they found
 some

some *English* Men, and brought them A-board who directed us to their Port. By some of our Ships being of great Draught we Anchored all 2 Miles from the Shore. Our General Wrote to Mr. *Ralph Lane*, the *English* Governour, shewing how ready he was to supply their Necessities. Next Day Mr. *Lane* with others coming to him, our Capt. proffered either to leave a Ship, a Pinnace, and some Boats, with sufficient Masters and Marriners, with a Months Viſuals to stay and make farther discovery of the Country, and so much as would bring them into *England* after such Time, if they thought fit; Or if they desired to return into *England* now, he would give them Passage; they accepted the former. Whereupon the Ship being received in Charge by some of their own Company, before they had received their Provision a Storm arose, and continued 3 Days, which put all our Fleet in disorder, besides the loss of Anchors, &c. and that Ship was driven quite away, and never saw us again till we came to *England*, with several other losses. Notwithstanding our General proffered them another Ship, though not so good as the other, nor the same Provision. Whereupon Mr. *Lane* requested

requested our General, that they might have Passage for *England*; which being granted, and the rest sent for out of the Country, and Shipped, we departed that Coast *June 18th* and arrived at *Plymouth*, *July 28th 1686*.

The total Value of what we got in this Voyage was 60000*l*. whereof the Companies that travelled in the Voyage were to have 20000*l*. the Adventures the other 40000*l*. We lost 750 Men in the Voyage. The Men of Note that died were Capt. *Powel*, Capt. *Verney*, Capt. *Moon*, Capt. *Fortescue*, Capt. *Bigs*, Capt. *Cecil*, Capt. *Bonnum*, Capt. *Greenfield*; *Thomas Tucker*, *Alexander Starkey*. Mr. *Escot*, Mr. *Wanerhouse*, Lieutenants; Mr. *Nicholas Winter*, Mr. *Alexander Carleil*, Mr. *Robert Alexander*, Mr. *Scroope*, Mr. *Ja. Dyer*, Mr. *Peter Duke*; with some others.

The Ordnance gotten in all were 240 whereof 203 were *Brass*, the rest *Iron*, and we found in these Places; in *St. Jago* 53 Pieces. In *St. Domingo* 80, whereof was very great Ordnance. as whole Cannon, demiz Cannon, Culverions, &c. In *Carthagera* 63, and good store of the large sort. In the Fort of *St. Augustin* 14, the rest was *Iron* Ordnance, of which the most part was gotten at *St. Domingo*, the rest at *Carthagera*. A



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OF THE

Spanish INVASION.

WE shall give you a Brief Account of the *Spanish* Armado, being this Worthy Gentleman served in her Majesty's Fleet set out against it.

The King of *Spain* being importuned by the *Pope*, and some *English* Fugitives, to attempt a Conquest of *England*, entred into consultation about it: The Marquess of St. *Cruce*, who was to command the Armado, and the Prince of *Parma*, were for first surprising some Seaport Town in *Holland*, or *Zealand*. But others alledged that it would be easier to seize some Port in *England*, which latter was approved of. And in Order thereto he set forth the Armado, being in all 230 Ships, containing 57808 Tun, wherein were 845 Marriners, 19295 Soldiers

diers, and 2088 Galley Slaves; and were provided with 220000 Bullets and great Shot, of Powder 4200 Kintals (each Kintal 100l. weight) of Lead for Bullets 1000 Kintals, of Match 1200 Kintals, 7000 Muskets, 10000 Halberts and Partizians, with store of Murthering Pieces, double Cannon and Field Pieces, with all other Provisions necessary for accomplishing their Design.

The Marques of *Santa-Cruz* dying, Don *Ledcuicos Peros* Duke of *Medina*, *Sidonea*, was made General in his place: *John Martinez de Richarde* was Admiral? Don *Francisco Bovadille Mareschal*; Don *Martin Alcaron* was made Vicar-General for the *Inquisition*, attended with 130 *Jesuites*: Cardinal *Allen* was appointed Superintendent of Ecclesiastical Affairs in England.

The Prince of *Parma* also built flat bottom Ships in *Flanders*, for carrying of Horses, with Bridges fitted to Ship and un-Ship the Horses: He set Men at Work to make the River Navigable from *Antwerp* to *Ghant* and *Bridges*, and laded 303 Boats with Ammunition and Victuals, 200 more not so big as the former lay ready at *Newport Haven*, and 37 Men of War at *Dunkirk*, with all other Provisions requisite to carry on the Design. He

He had lying near *Newport* under the Command of *Camillo*, 30 Companies of *Italians*, 2 of *Walloons*, and 8 of *Burguignons* at *Dyxnem*, he mustered 80 Companies of *Netherlanders*, 60 of *Spaniards*, and 60 of *High-Dutch*, and 700 *Fugitive English*, commanded by *Sir William Stanley*, who were in great contempt: Nor was *Stanley*, nor the Earl of *Westmorland* and others, who offered their Service heard but barred all access and rejected, as *Traitors* to their Country. At *Conick* also he had 4000, and at *Watene* 900 Horse commanded by the Marquess of *Guaft*.

To this Land Service came the Duke of *Pastrana*, the King of *Spain*'s supposed Base Son, the Marquess of *Bourgon*, one of Duke *Ferdinands* Sons, with the others of like Quality.

Pope *Sixtus Quintus*, was very forward in this Design dispersing his Indulgences and Pardons to all that contributed thereto: And promised likewise to give a Million of Gold, the one half presently, the other when any notable Haven in *England* should be won, but with this Proviso, that *England* should be held as *Fendatory* to the Sea of *Rome*.

Queen *Elizabeth* hearing of these great Preparations, having first represented her

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Cafe to God, and implored his Protection, she provided what Force she could.

The charge of her Navy she committed to *Charles Howard*, of *Effingham* London, Admiral of *England*: Her Vice-Admiral was the Famous *Sir Francis Drake*, who were sent to the *West of England*. She appointed *Henry Lord Seimour*, second Son to the Duke of *Somerset*, to lye upon the Coast of *Flanders* with 40 Ships, to prevent the Prince of *Parma*'s joyning his strength with the Armado. She ordered the Land forces to be mustered, appointing *Dudley Earl of Leceister* Lieutenant 20000 whereof were were disposed along the *South Coast*. She had also 2 Armies; one consisting of 1000 Horse and 22000 Foot, encamped near the Mouth of the *Thames*; where the Enemy purposed to Land; the other led by the *L. Hunson*, consisting of 34000 Foot, and 2000 Horse, which were to guard her Person.

Arthur Lord Grey, *Sir Francis Knolles*, *Sir Richard Bingham*, and *Sir Roger Williams*, were appointed to consult for managing the Land Service. They advised that all commodious landing Places should be manned and fortified; and that the *Train Bands* throughout the Coast Shires should meet upon Signal given to hinder the Enemies Landing.

And

And in case they should Land, that they should lay all the Country about waste, that the Enemy might have no Food, but what they brought from their Ships, and that they should continually busy the Enemy with Alarms, but not hazard a Battle till greater Force were got together.

Some also suggested that the *Papists* at Home were more to be feared than the *Spaniards* Abroad; whereupon some of them were Imprisoned. Directions also were sent to the Deputy of *Ireland*, how to demean himself in this imminent Danger.

In the midst of these Preparations, the King of *Spain*, to cast a mist over her Majesty's Eyes, importuned for Peace, and at last prevailed so far, that a treaty of Peace was entred upon, our Queen notwithstanding resolved to treat with her Sword in her Hand. And in *February* she sent her Commissioners into *Flanders*, to treat with the Prince of *Parma*, who pretended a Commission for that effect, but they were delayed from time to Time, and when they proposed any Thing, by one Pretence or another it was delayed, till at last they heard of the *Spanish* Fleets being near *England*, at which time they, having safe conduct from the Prince of *Parma*, were glad to return in Safety.

This

This Armado, which had the Popes special Blessing, in token of its holy Welfare, had 12 of his Ships called by the Names of the 12 Apostles, their Ships being of such size that they floated like Castles upon the Waves, set sail *May 20th* out of the River *Taye*, Steering his Course towards the *Groin* in *Galizia*, the Place appointed for assembling. But while they were Sailing thither a Storm arose, whereby they were dispersed, several of them were disabled, besides 3 *Portugal* Gallies, which were driven upon the Coasts of *Bayon* in *France*, and by the Valour of one *David Guin* an *English* Slave, and the help of other Slaves were delivered into the Hands of the *French*.

About the same time the *English* Fleet, in all about 100 Ships, whereof 15 were Victuallers, and 9 Volluntiers of *Devonshire* Gentlemen, hearing that the *Spaniards* were read to Sail, set forth of *Plymouth*, to meet and fight them by the Way, but before they reached the *Sallies*, they were driven back by Tempest to *Plymouth*; only some of their scouts descried some of the *Spanish* Ships, that were dispersed.

News being brought that the *Spaniards* were in distress, the Lord Admiral *Howard* taking advantage of the first fair Wind, launched

launched forth *July 8th* and bore his Sail almost within sight of the Coast of Spain, purposing to surprize their Ships; but the Wind suddenly turned *South*, and he, wisely foreseeing the disadvantages of his staying there, returned to *Plymouth*.

At the same time it was confidently reported that the *Spanish* Fleet could not sail forth that Year; and our Queen was so confident thereof, that she ordered 4 of her biggest Ships to be brought to *Chatham*. But our Admiral foreseeing the hazard of it, wisely retarded it; which was a singular Providence, for the *Spanish* Fleet entred the Channel *July 11th* where Anchoring, they sent to the Prince of *Parma*, to signify their Arrival, and require him in the King's Name to forward his Charge for that Service.

July 20th At Noon they were descried by the *English*, which was a surprisal to them, most of their Men being ashore, nevertheless our undaunted Admiral towed forth such Ships as he could get in readiness into the Sea. When they were got out, they saw the *Spaniards* Ships with lofty Towers, in front like a half Moon; they seemed to make for *Plymouth*, but yet Steered their Course towards *Callice*, the *English* suffering them

em to pass by that they might chase
em in the Rear with a foreright Wind.
July 21. The *English* Admiral sent be-
fore him a Pinace to denounce War, by
discharging her Ordnance, himself follow-
ing the *Ark Royal*, set upon (the Admiral he
thought, but) *Alonzo de Lava's* Ship where
they had a fierce Encounter. Soon after
Wake, Hawkins, and Forbush came up,
engaging with their Ordnance on the hind-
most Squadron of the Enemies, command-
ed by *Rechalde*, till his own Ship was bat-
tered with Shot with Difficulty was drawn
to the Main Fleet. At which time the
Duke of *Medina* gathered to together his
fleet, and kept on his intended Course to-
wards *Callais*. And caused them together
to close, in form of a half *Moon*.
But our *English* Admiral having maintained
a hot fight 2 Hours, thought it best to de-
sert the Pursuit, their being not above 30 of
their Ships come up yet, In this fight the
Catherine a Spanish Ship, being sorely bat-
tered, was taken into the midst of the Fleet
to be repaired; And huge Ship *Biscays* of
Don Oquenda's in which was a great part
of the *Kings Treasure*, was fired by a *Flemish*
gunner, for being misused by them; but
the Fire was quickly quenched. All this
while

while the *Spaniards* declined Fighting, Waiting in the rest with their strongest Ships, in which posture they made a Flying March towards *Callais*. and a great *Gallion*, where in was *Don Pedro de Valdez, Vasquez de Salva Alenzo de Saias*, And other Nobleman, being battered with *English* Shot, in avoiding it fell foul of another Ship, whereby she lost her Foremast, and could not keep up with the rest, and was cast behind. But Night coming on, our Admiral past her, supposing there was nothing left in her, and fearing to lose sight of the *Spaniards*, which he thought was carried, as was appointed by Sir *Francis Drake*; but he was pursuing 2 Ships he thought Spanish; but when he came up to them, he found they were Friends, and so dismissed them, yet by this mistake of his the greatest part of the Fleet wanting his Light, was forced to lye still, so that he and the rest could not fetch up our Admiral till next Day.

July, 22 Sir *Francis Drake*, espied the afore said *Gallion*, and sent forth a Pinnance to command them to yield: *Valdez*, answered, that they were 430, and himself was *Don Pedro*, and stood upon his Honour. The other replied, if he did not yield forthwith, he should know **DRAKE**, was no

DASTARD;

ASTARD; PEDRO, hearing that it was
Francis Drake, instantly yielded him-
 self, and coming aboard Sir *Francis's* Ship,
 protested, they would have died, before
 they had yielded to any save him, whom
MARS and *NEPTUNE* always attended,
 and whose Civility to the Conquered had
 often been experienced. Sir *Francis* to re-
 ceive his Complements, plac'd him at his
 own Table, and lodged him in his own
 Cabin, the rest he sent to *Plymouth*, where
 they remained Prisoners till their Ransom
 was paid. The same Day *Michael de Oquendo*,
 Vice-Admiral of the Fleet, his Ship was
 on Fire, the upper part of it being Burnt,
 but the Gun-powder in the hold not ta-
 king Fire, the Ship fell into Hands of the
English, and was carried in *Plymouth*. All
 this Day their Admiral spent in setting his
 Fleet in Order, appointing every Ship his
 Station, commanding them on Pain of
 Death not to desert it, and one to the
 Prince of *Parma*, to acquaint him with
 Condition.

July, 23 Early the Spaniards taking the
 benefit of a Northerly Wind turn'd about
 against the *English*; but the *English* being
 limber than they turned Westwards, and
 quickly recoverd the Wind of them, and all
 that

that Day battered those Wooden Castles; the Sight was variable, whilst on the one side the *English* bravely rescued the *London* Ships; and on the other the *Spaniards* as stoutly delivered *Richalde*; most of the *Spanish* Shot flew over the *English* without hurting them, but the *English* never discharged a Shot on the *Spaniards* but did Execution. The *English* Admiral would not hazard a Fight by grappling with them, as some had advised, knowing they had a strong Army in the Fleet, besides the strength of their Ships which could not but at extream disadvantage be boarded. This Day besides other remarkable Losses the Enemy sustained, a great *Venetian* Ship with other smaller were taken by the *English*, and the *Spaniards* gathered themselves into a round, their greater Ships standing outmost to guard the battered Ships.

July 24th the 4 great Galliaffes fought with some *English* Ships, who gaul'd the Enemy with their Shot, but our Men wanting Powder, the Admiral sent some Ships to fetch supply. In the mean while it was ordered by a Council of War that the *English* Fleet should be divided into 4 Squadrons, and the chief Admiral was Sir *Francis Drake* led the 2d, Capt. *Hawkins* the 3d, and Capt. *Forbusher* the 4th.

July

July 25th At the Isle of *Wight* there was a
 large Encounter. The *St. Ann*, a *Portu-
 gal* Gallion was set upon by some *English*
 frigots, to whose rescue came 3 Galliaffes,
 which the Admiral and Lord *Thomas How-
 ard*, charged so that they could scarce save
 her. It was reported, that this Day the
Spanish Admiral was grievously rent with
 great Ordnance, and had been near taken,
 had not 2 Ships come to her; after whose
 coming they set upon the *English* Admiral,
 but she made her Escape, The *Spanish* Ad-
 miral sent again to the Prince of *Parma* to
 buy his Fleet with them, and send them
 supply.

July 26th the *English* Admiral to encou-
 rage his Captains bestowed the Order of
 Knighthood, on several that had behaved
 themselves courageously; and it was resolved
 by all that they would no more assail the
 Enemy, till they came to the Strait of *Cal-
 ais*, where the Lord *Henry Seimour* with
 his Ships waited their coming. And so far
 was this Armado from terrifying the *Eng-
 lish* Coasts, that they hired Ships from all
 Parts on their own Charges, and came to
 our Supply; of whom were, the Earl of
Oxford, *Northumberland*, *Cumberland*, with
 several other Gentlemen.

July 27th the *Spanish* Fleet setting forward Anchored before *Callais*, intending to joyn with the Prince of *Parma's* Forces at *Dunkirk*. The *English* followed hard upon them, and cast Anchor within culvering Shot of them, consisting now of 140 Sail, the Lord *Henry Seimour*, and Capt. *Winter* having joyned them, from hence once more the D. of *Medina* sent to the Prince of *Parma* and several of the *Spanish* Nobility went ashore, among whom was the Prince of *Alcolis*, the Kings Base Son who returned no more; his Ship was afterwards cast away on the Irish Coast. The Prince of *Parma* being by them perswaded, that the *Spaniards* had the better, conceiving great Hopes of his future Advancement: Yet his Joy was but short, for the next Evening he had News of the *Spaniards* bad Success, and indeed he could not in that juncture assist them; for his Boats leaked, his Provisions failed, and his Seamen withdrew him, and also, he could not get out by reason of a considerable Fleet of *Dutch* well-furnished that lay before *Dunkirk* and *Newport*.

In the mean time Queen *Elizabeth* ordered the Lord Admiral to take 8 of his worst Ships and fill them with combustible Matter, and to Charge their Guns with *Bullets*, *Stones*, *Chains*

Chains, &c. which was accordingly done, and on Sunday *July 28th* at 2 a Clock in the Morning they were let drive amongst the *Spaniards* under the guidance of Young and Prows, who having fired their Trains and returned, such a Thunder Clap was given, that the poor *Spaniards* were wonderfully amazed, and to avoid this Danger had no other Remedy but to cut their Cables and drive at Random, were they had several Disasters, some of them fell foul one upon another, others run aground on the Sands, and some of them fell into the *English Hands*.

In this Surprisal the Duke of *Medina* ordered the whole Fleet to weigh Anchor to avoid the Danger, which done to return to their Station, and he accordingly gave a Signal to the rest to do it by discharging his great Guns, but in this Consternation the Warning was heard but by a few the rest being scattered.

July 29th After this Disaster the *Spaniards* in the best Order they could came over against us Grappleing; where the *English* was deprived of the conveniency of *Callais Road*, and kept them from supply out of *Dunkirk*, and *Drake* and *Fenner* incessantly discharged their Guns on them, as also the Lord Admiral and others, on the other Hand the

Duke of *Medina, Leva*, &c. at last got clear of the Shallows, yet most of their Ships were pitifully Torn and Shot through, besides several that were Sunk, the Gallion *St. Matthew*, coming to rescue the *St. Philip*, was together with the other miserably Torn with Shot by *Seimour* and *Winter*, and afterwards driven near *Ostend*, and at last taken by the *Dutch*.

Francisco de Toledo, a Collonel over 30 Bands, his Ship proved so leaky that with some others left her; the Ship afterwards was taken by the *Flushingers*.

The *Spaniards* disappointed of their brave Designs, were now content to defend themselves, and the Wind turning S. W. they passed *Dunkirk*, the *English* following them close. And the *English* Admiral dispatched the Lord *Henry Seimour*, to the Coast of *Flanders*, to stop the Prince of *Parma's* coming out, and to joyn with the *Hollanders* there.

July 31st early the N.W. Wind blew hard, and the *Spaniards* labour'd to recover the narrow strait, but were driven towards *Zealand*, the *English* gave of the Chafe as seeing them near ruin, but the Wind turning S.W. and by W. they got clear of the Shallows, and that Evening called a Council wherein

was resolved to return into *Spain* by the Northern Passage, and thereupon directed their Course *Northward*, and the *English* followed them to prevent their landing in *Scotland*; yet most thought they would return again. Whereupon our Queen with a Masculine Courage viewed her Army at *Tilbury*, and Walked through the Ranks with a Truncheon in her Hand, wonderfully encouraged all of them, but the *Spaniards* took themselves to an absolute flight, bending their Course towards *Normay*, and being now freed of the *English* consulted seriously what to do, they were tender of the Popes Credit, feared the wroth of King *Philip*, that the Glory of the *Spaniards* would be laid in the Dust, the invincible Armado become a Scorn if they returned so into *Spain*, on the other Hand they considered, that 5000 Soldiers were slain, many maimed, 12 of their greatest Ships sunk, lost, or taken, their Cables, Masts or Sails, cut rent and broken, their Provisions failing, &c. which considered, They concluded to go quickly to *Spain*, and knowing that the King of *Scots* would not supply them, nor the King of *Normay*, they cast all their *Horses* and *Mules* overboard to save their fresh Water; and so Steering their Course to Sail about *Can-*

thenes, and the Coast of *Ireland*; they Steer'd between the *Orcads* and the Isles of *Farr*, unto 61 deg. North Lat. from whence the D. of *Medina* with his best stored Ships took *Westwards* over the Main towards *Biscay*, and at last arrived in *Spain*, where he was dispos'd from all his Authority, discharged the Court and commanded to live Private.

The rest of the Ships being 40 fell nearer the Coast of *Ireland* where many of them were cast away. Such as escaped there, some of them were driven into the Channel, were some of them were taken by the *English*, others by *Rochel* Men, and some of them arriv'd at *New-Haven*, in *Normandy*. So that of 134 Ships that set Sail out of *Lisbon* only 53 returned into *Spain*; of the 4 Gallies of *Naples* but one, of the 4 Gallies of *Portugal* but one, of the 91 Gallies and great Hulks from divers Provinces but 33, in short, they lost in this Voyage 81 Vessels, 13500 Soldiers. taken Prisoners above 2000 in *England* amongst which were *Don Pedro de Valdez*, *Don Vasquez de Silva*, and *Don Alonzo de Saies*, and others in *Ireland*, *Don Alonzo de Luzon*, and *Roderigo de Lesse*, and others in *Zealand* was *Don Diego Piemontelli*, yea, there was not a Noble Family in *Spain* but in this expedition lost a Son, Brother, or Kinsman.

In the aftermentioned Wrecks, above
 60 Soldiers and Sailors were cast ashore on
Scotland, who on intercession of the Prince
Parma, were after a Years Time sent
 over into *Flanders*, but more unmercifully
 were those dealt with, who were driven
 to *Ireland*. Some of them being put
 to Death by their old Friends the *Irish*, o-
 thers by the command of the Lord Deputy,
 who feared lest they might joyn with the
Irish to disturb the Peace of the Nation;
 the Remainder being Terrified therewith
 committed themselves to Sea in their shat-
 tered Vessells, and were many of them swal-
 lowed up by the Waves.

Queen *Elizabeth* lying one Night in her
 Army at *Tilbury*, the Lord Treasurer *Burly*,
 came thither and delivered to the Earl of
Leicester, the Examination of *Don Pedro*, who
 was taken and brought into *England*, by Sir
Francis Drake, which Examination saith Dr.
Sharpe, was Thus.

Don Pedro being asked by some Lords of
 the Council, what was the Intent of their
 coming? Answered, what but to subdue
 your Nation and root it out; what said
 the Lords meant you then to do with the
Catholicks? we meant (said he) to have sent
 them good Men directly to Heaven, as you
 that

that are *Hereticks* to Hell, But said the Lords) what meant you to do with your Whips of Cord and Wire, you have such store of in your Ships? what (said he) we meant to Whip your *Hereticks* to Death that have assisted my Masters *Rebels*, and done such dishonour to our *Catholick* King and People. But what would you have done said they with their Young Children? (They said he) that were above 7 Years, should have gone the same way their Fathers went, and the rest should have lived, only we would have Branded them in the Foreheads with the Letter *L.* for *Lutheran*, and reserved them for pertetual Bondage.

This I take God to Witness, (saith my Author) I received of these great Lords as on Examination before the Council, and by their Commandments published it to the Army.

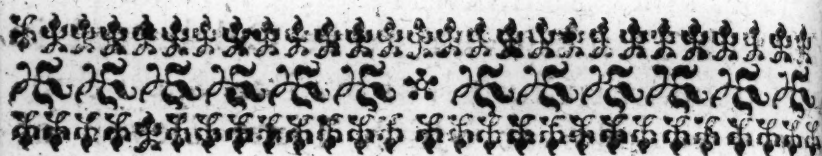
The next Day (saith he) the Queen rode through her Army, attended by *Leicester*, *Essex*, and *Norris*, with divers other great Lords, where she made an excellent Oration to her Army, and commanded a Publick Fast to be kept.

After this great Deliverance, Queen *Elizabeth* who ever held Ingratitude Base, especially towards her Almighty Protector,

as she began with Prayer, so she ended with Praise and Thanksgiving, commanding Publick Thanksgiving to be Celebrated in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's, on Sunday Sept. 18th at which Time Eleven of the Spanish Ensigns were hung upon the lower Battlement of that Church.

Queen Elizabeth herself on Sunday September 24th came to St. Pauls, and humbling herself on her Knees, with audible Voice she praised God for that wonderful Deliverance wrought to her and her People.

At Southwark-Fair also the Spanish Flags were hung upon London-Bridge; But the Solemn Day appointed for Thanksgiving through the Nation was, Nov. 19th being Tuesday, which accordingly was observed with great Joy, and Praising of God.



THE
 Last VOYAGE
 WHICH
Sir Francis Drake,
 Made into the *West-Indies*, and the
 the Manner of his Dying there.
This Worthby Person, accompanied with
Those here Mentioned undertook this
 VOYAGE.

SIR Francis Drake, Sir Jo. Hawkins,
 Chief Generals, Sir Thomas Basker-
 field, Coroner General, Sir Nicholas
 Clifford

Clifford, Lieutenant General, Capt. Arnold
 Askerfield, Serjeant Major, Capt. Nicholas
 Askerfield, Capt. Barkley, Capt. Grind-
 one, Capt. Rush, Capt. Boswell, Capt.
 Platt, Capt. Chichester, Capt. Stanton,
 Capt. ——— In the 37th Year of the
 reign of Queen ELIZABETH. Aug 25th
 1595. We embarked at Plymouth; thence
 we sailed towards the Canadoes, and
 September 6th we Espied a French Man
 of War, in the Northern Cape, whom
 we overtook.

Septemb. 9th we Espied 20 French Men
 of War, who chased us, but could not
 fetch us up, and therefore left us.

Septemb. 15th we discried Two Islands,
 Hansewoth, and Forta-Fontura, both stand-
 ing W. and by S. in 28 Degrees, Distant
 one from the other, 4 or 5 Leagues,
 and from the Grand Canadoes 10 Leagues.

Septemb. 26th we Anchored in that
 Part of the Canadoes otherwise called St.
 John Decruse, where we endeavoured to
 get to Land in small Boats but the
 Enemy knowing our Design, entrench-
 ed themselves at the Place where we
 should have Landed, discharging their
 great and small Shot from the Town and

Castle, forcing us to retire with Lots of Men, the Enemy being 400.

The same Day we departed to a Place where we Watered; it lyes *W.* and by *N.* of this Town. The Inhabitants of it are *Savages*; and some of our Men Stragling here were Slain, and others bitten with *Dogs*, they keep on purpose to destroy Strangers.

This Island yields much *Canadoes-Wine*, divers sorts of Grain, *Conies*, and *Partridges*. There is another Island (20 Leagues from this) called the *Teneriffe*, a very high Land.

Septemb. 28th we departed towards the *West-Indies*, taking our Course *S. W.* and by *W.* on the 29th we Sailed *S. W.* and by *S.* the 30th *S. W.* the first of *October* *W.* and by *S.* the 13th *W.* in the height of 16 Degrees.

The 25th of this Month, the *Hope*, and *Adventure* fell Foul on each other, about Ten at Night, they of the *Adventure* were forced to cut their *Mizzen*, and throw it overboard.

Octob.

Octob. 27th we Espied *Martinico*, an Island Inhabited by Barbarous People, called *Canibals*; 10 Miles from this Island is another called *Dominica*, where is much *Tobacco*. The Weapons they use are Bows and Arrows, made of *Reeds*, with sharp Pieces of *Brazil* on the ends, they wear their Hair long cut round by their Shoulders.

October 30th we came to *Gordelowpa* distant from this Ten Leagues) where are many Rivers issuing from the Mountains with great Force into the Sea. From whence we Sailed toward the River *Dela Hatch*, N. W. and by N. and Novemb. 7th we discried three Islands of the *Trigonies*, viz. *Mononalla*, *Rotmido*, and *Savoa*. Novemb. 10th we set Sail for *John de Portrizo*, W. and by N.

These Islands belong to *Virginia*) in some of their Harbours 1000 Ships may ride at Anchor Novemb. 12th we Anchored within 4 Miles of *Portizio*, against a great Fort; where was placed a Piece of Ordnance, which plyed us divers Times with Shot. This Day, Sir *John Hawkins*

Hawkins died; the same Night also as *Sir Francis Drake*, *Sir Thomas Baskerfield*, and others set at Supper, *Sir Nicholas Clifford*, Capt. *Stratford*, and Mr. ——— *Brown*, were Wounded with the same Piece of Ordnance from the Fort; and as *Sir Francis Drake* was Drinking a Cup of Beer, his Stool was struck from under him, but he received no Hurt; *Sir Nicholas Clifford*, died Instantly of his Wounds. The same Night also we went against the Town, and Anchored.

Novemb. 13th Our General called a Council next Night of 500 Men went with Shot and Fire - Works to burn the Five Men of War, which Rode within the Harbour, one of which held 400 Tun, the rest smaller. In this Ship was planted much Ordnance, besides small Shot, which played on our Men, and also great Store of Shot from the Shore. So we were no Gainers by this Assault as having Lost a Ship and several Men, yet it was a Valiant Attempt. All those that were in that great Ship were Slain and Drowned, save 4 we took up: They told us, that by Reason they had Notice

tice of our coming our Design was marred: They told us also, that this Town had in it 3000000 of the King of Spains Treasure; and that they kept our Men they had taken in the little *St. Francis*, whereupon our General wrote to the Governor to use them Civilly.

This Town stands on a small Island, encompassed with the Sea on one side, and a great River on the other.

Novemb. 15th Sir *Joseph Hawkins*, and Sir *Nicholas Clifford*, were thrown overboard. The same Day we Espied a Spanish Carvel, coming towards *St. John de Portricho*, and our General sent off some Men to take her, but those in the Castle perceiving it Shot of a Piece, whereby they had Warning and run on Shore.

Novemb. 16th we departed thence, and Sailing 36 Leagues, came to *St. Jermans Bay*: There we landed some Companies to Guard the Carpenters that built our Pinnaces.

Near this Place is a House called an *Ingeneroide*, where Sugar is made. This Day Captain *Brut* Died.

Novem.

Novem. 23d John Standley, was had before a Court Marshall. *Novemb. 22d* Sir John Baskerfield took Two Men of this Island a Negro and a Clemeronne.

Novem. 24th The Ship the John, Froloney, of Plymouth, was burnt in the Bay: The same Day we departed for *Crusao*, distant from *St. Jermans* 150 Leagues, and stayed but 3 or 4 Hours.

Novemb. 29th we Espied the Main Land, called the *West-Indies*, N. N. E. from us, we Sailed along the Coast to *Della-Hatch*, and the same Day Anchored within 10 Leagues of it, *Decemb. 2d* we Sailed to the Town all that Day, and entred it at one of the Clock at night, the Enemy had Fled, leaving about 12 Soldiers in the Town, who gave us a Volley, and then all Fled, save 2 we took Prisoners. They had carried all away so that we found Nothing in the Town.

Decemb. 3d. The Spaniards Parlyed with us for a certain Sum to Ransome the Town, and on the 4th, they brought Pearl, &c. but less in Value we compounded, for our General refused it, and ordered to burn the Town, which was

was accordingly done, at our departure. *Decemb. 16th* the Governor came to Parly: Our Men went to seek for Victuals, and met with the Governor we took more Prisoners, and found some of their Goods and carried them away, at our departure we left the Town all on Fire, save a Religious House not finished, and another House the Treasure used to be kept in. In it we found some of their Treasure and Marchant-dize. This Country yieldeth store of Cattle and Fowls. The People are *Indians* and *Negroes*, they are *wild* and *Savage* People, (save those the *Spaniards* keep in Subjection) and War against the *Spaniards*. There is a Mountain 10 Leagues hence, whereon Snow Remaineth constantly.

Decemb. 19th we came to *Sancta-Marta*; the Inhabitants having Fled to the Mountains, but we Pursued them into the Woods, and found some Treasure; the same Day we took the Governors Deputy. *Decemb. 20th* we departed, leaving it on Fire, we were told, that we were within 3 Leagues of a Gold Mine.

On Christmas Day we Sailed to *Nom-bre*

bre de Dios, and on the 27th Anchored before it; this Day the Serjeant Major Died. We landed our Men a Mile from the Town, and marched towards it; the Enemy gave us a Bravado of Shot and Fled into the Wood; their Goods and Treasure being sent before. They had but 3 Pieces of Ordnance and one of them broke with a Shot. We found some Treasure in the Woods. Our General had Notice of the Governors going to *Panama*, and Sir Thomas *Baskerfield*, went with 500 Men to surprize him; In this Journey we were in great Hazard of our Lives, we went but Nine Miles and could get no further, being stopt by a Fort the Enemy had on the Top of a Rock through which we behoved to march, the Passage was so narrow that but one Man at once could go up, so that we were forced to retire with Loss; several both Commanders and Soldiers were hurt. Returning to *Nombre de Dios*, we saw it all on Fire, and thereupon hasted to our Ships. In this March a pair of Shoes were Sold for 30s. and a Bisket Cake for 10s. our want was so great.

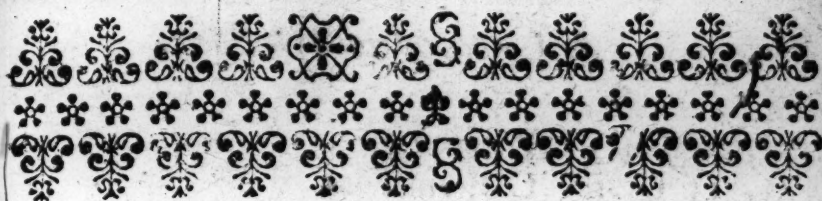
January

January 5th we departed, and on *the 10th* came to *Scoday*, it is N. and by W. from *Nombre de Dios*; the same Day we chased a *Spanish Frigot* and on the *11th* brought it to our General.

The same Day our General commanded all our Sick Men to be carried ashore, and to be lookt to in best sort we could, *January, 22d* we departed back towards *Nombre de Dios*, and came to *Parta Vella*, *January 27th* on which Day Sir *Francis Drake* Died, whose Death was much lamented. His Interment was thus: His Corps being laid in a Coffin of Lead, He was let down into the Sea, the Trumpets in doleful manner Sounding all the while, and all the Cannons in the Fleet were discharged. We stayed here till *February 8th*. In this Harbour they were beginning to build Houses again. The Day before we departed the Enemy took 6 of our Men. *Feb. 18.* We departed hence, we took our course for *Jamaica*, North and by West. *Feb. 20.* We descried some Islands called *Gourdanes*, distant from *Porta Vella*, 200 Leagues, and West from *Jamaica*, To the East they are Highland, to the West Low; we sailed to the Cape of *Corenthus* *Feb 27.* We passed the Shoals to the West of this Low-Land,
one

one of our Ships being in Danger, and *March 1st* we saw 20 of the Kings Men of War, and afterwards Fought with them 2 Hours, and worsted them; we plying the Vice-Admiral so hard, that if she had not Fled, she had Sunk; and another that was with her, her Powder took Fire. Next we Sailed to Cape. St. *Anthony*, 13 of them following us, when they come nigh us, we sent 2 Ships to them, but they made away. *May 4th* we came to St. *Anthony*, distant from *Corentbus* 18 Leagues, thence to *Havana* 80 Leagues; thence to the *Gulf*. The same Day we saw Cape *Florida*, N. W. and by N. 100 Leagues, and passed it next Night. *March 9th* we past the *Barmuthies*. *April 8th* we came to the Islands of *Flowers* and *Cores*, Inhabited by *Portugals*; here we Watered, and in Short time after Arrived at *England*.

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